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Jobs will go after npower shake-up

A MAJOR energy supplier's decision to move its workforce out of Kingswinford will result in redundancies, it has been revealed.

npower announced last month it was to close its IT contact centre in the town as part of a review being carried out by parent company RWE.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly met npower company secretary Guy Johnson after the politician voiced concerns over the firm's High Street base, which employs 284 people.

On Monday, Mr Kelly was told that workers would be relocated and there would be some redundancies - but, he said, the firm had told him it was too early to say how many jobs would be lost because of the move.

Mr Kelly said: "I had a very good meeting with Mr Johnson. It was full and frank."

"I put to him my concerns and was told the plan was to relocate workers to the company's offices in Oldbury, that was the good news."

"The bad news was there will be some redundancies, he couldn't say how many."

Alex Madden, npower spokesman, said: "We are working closely with the local MPs and informing them of any developments."

Tories lose by-election

THE Conservatives failed to hold on to the Wollaston and Stourbridge Town seat on Dudley Council which was left vacant by the death of Councillor Malcolm Knowles.

Labour and Co-Operative Party candidate Barbara Sykes won with 847 votes of the 2,376 votes cast. The Tory candidate Matt Rogers polled 787 votes.

Meanwhile, the Tory group leader Councillor Lee Jones, has stepped down.

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STRIKE-HIT SCHOOL KEEPS DOORS OPEN

PUPILS and parents at Stourbridge's Redhill School have faced three days of disruption as teachers went on strike over plans to turn the school into an academy.

The school closed last Thursday when about 50 members of the NASUWT union walked out.

by Louise Jew

were able to attend on Tuesday, with those from years 8, 9 and 10 and exam students due in on Wednesday.

Stourbridge MP Margot James had said she hoped the school would be able to stay open.

They were not able to follow their normal timetable but Mr Dunster said there were enough teachers and support staff to supervise learning activities.

Meanwhile on the picket line, Redhill teacher and NASUWT national president Paula Roe said: "Parents should be concerned about what education is being offered to pupils during our strike."

While the NASUWT has been striking, teachers in the NUT - representing about a dozen staff at Redhill - have carried on working.

He added that, by this week, he had been able to better assess how many teachers would be at work and to plan activities so that as many as possible of the 1,170 pupils could attend on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Nearly 700 pupils - from years 11 and seven, as well as those taking mock exams,

If approved, the school hopes to launch as an academy on April 1.

Motorcyclist injured in crash

A MOTORCYCLIST was airlifted to hospital with serious injuries on Tuesday after a crash involving a van in Wordsley. It happened in Lainswood Road near the junction with Lainswood at 7.50am.

The motorcyclist, a man believed to be 26 years old, suffered serious leg and suspected pelvic injuries and was air-lifted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

Jennie's snip raises £500 for charity



Before - Jennie with her long hair



During - Jennie can't bear to look



After - Jennie with her new look

YOUNG Jennie Bradley was so proud of her long, blonde hair she did all she could to avoid the hairdresser's scissors.

But after hearing of charity that helps young cancer sufferers, the 10-year-old made a very brave decision.

In front of her classmates at Glynnne Primary School in Kingswinford, Jennie saw her waist-long hair chopped off to her shoulders.

The youngster waited nervously and then shielded her eyes as hairdresser Carrie Hatfield began snipping - cutting off 12 inches off her hair.

But it was all for a good cause as Jennie raised almost £500 in sponsor-

ship for the Little Princess Trust, as well as donating her chopped-off hair to the charity, which provides real-hair wigs to boys and girls who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other illnesses.

Emotional

Jennie's mother Tizzy Orange, aged 41, said: "She's never had her hair properly cut, only slightly trimmed - it's just been with her all her life like that."

"So when she said she was having it cut off I couldn't believe it."

"I am so proud of her, watching her have it cut in front of everyone I felt very emotional."

Jennie, of Kingsley Road, Kingswinford, came up with idea after being told about the charity by a family member.

Ms Orange said: "She looks so different now but I'm sure she will grow it back. She loves her hair."

The Little Princess Trust has helped more than 1,000 children across the country.

The charity works with specialist suppliers and experienced hairdressers to create hair pieces for youngsters.

It also works with children battling with alopecia.

To add to Jennie's charity total, visit www.justgiving.com/jennieshair

Church is marking its 200th birthday

A LYC church is celebrating its 200th anniversary this weekend.

Christ Church in High Street opened in 1813.

Two centuries later the church still holds its regular weekend services but has also forged links with the local mosque and it has opened a free internet cafe.

Reverend Simon Falshaw, aged 52, will be guiding his congregation through the celebrations of the church's long life and said he was optimistic that there was a great future ahead for the building and its people.

He said: "The churches that grow are the ones that stick most faithfully to the Christian message. The church needs to adapt to its time and, if you lose your message, you haven't got anything distinctive left to say."

Then church will begin its celebrations on Sunday with a service held in the style of 1913 - the year after the Titanic sank, and the year before the start of the Great War.

Mr Falshaw said: "We wanted to look back at the past but 1813 just seemed a bit too far."

"It will be a different service because, for one thing, the liturgy uses words that some people today would find quite alien."

"It will come as a bit of a shock to us because we quite a modern church."

Verdict in murder trial

PROSTITUTE Emma Bate was found guilty of murdering Stourbridge businessman Richard Sherratt.

Bate and her boyfriend Paramjit Singh broke into Mr Sherratt's flat in Bridgnorth and attacked him. Bate was looking for money for drugs, Stafford Crown Court heard. Mr Sherratt, aged 57, suffered 38 injuries in the attack.

The pair from Birmingham, will be sentenced later. Singh had admitted murder. Bate had denied the charge.

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Forum dates for people to air concerns

THE first dates for new community forums in the Dudley borough have been announced.

People can air views at the smaller, less formal meetings at venues including schools, church halls and community centres. Dudley Council axed the five former area committees which were seen as too formal.

The meetings, all at 6.30pm, start with Castle and Priory, St James, St Thomas's wards community forum

on February 11 at Thomas's Community Network, Beechwood Road, Dudley.

The Coseley East, Sedgeley, forum is on the same day at Coseley School, in Henne Drive, Coseley.

Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews, Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood residents have a meeting on February 12, at Netherton Arts Centre, Northfield Road.

On February 13, the Belle Vale, Halesowen North, Halesowen

South, Hayley Green and Bradley South forum is at Earls High School, in Furnace Lane. On the same day, a meeting for the Gornal, Upper Gornal and Woodsetton wards is at Upper Gornal Methodist Church, Kent Street, Dudley.

There will be a meeting for the Norton, Pedmore and Stourbridge East, Wollaston and Stourbridge Town wards at St Michael and All Angels Church Hall, Norton.

Residents can raise issues at

Ambleside, Cradley and Wollescote, Lye and Stourbridge North community forum at Lye Community Centre on February 19.

On the same day there is a meeting for Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley, at Holy Trinity Church Hall, High Street, Kingswinford.

Brierley Hill, Brockmoor and Pensnett community forum is on February 20 at Nine Locks Community Centre.

Danger chicken imports tackled

CONTAMINATED chicken has been stopped from finding its way into the nation's sandwiches by Dudley Council's environmental health officers.

They seized 16,000 bags of chicken in the borough which had been imported from China via Ireland, and discovered that three-quarters of the chicken contained salmonella, which can cause food poisoning. At a hearing last week at Dudley Magistrates' Court a district court judge ordered that the 41 tons of chicken be destroyed.

The frozen cooked chicken, worth £104,000, had been produced in China and imported into the UK by food brokers Food Bridge, based in Ireland. It was being kept in a cold store in Dudley and was bound for the catering trade.

Dudley Council officers were tipped off by Irish authorities.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "The swift action has prevented a potentially serious food poisoning outbreak."

District Judge Michael Wheeler awarded the council £2,440 in costs.

Richard Essex for the council, said: "There was no blame attached to those importing the food."

We're not heroes – tram man

A TRAM train driver averting a crash after a tree smashed down on to the track in Stourbridge as ferocious winds hit the region.

Phil Tonks, aged 42, was driving the Stourbridge Shuttle service from the Junction to the Town stations when the 30ft tree fell, blocking the track.

He stopped the tram and with a colleague, moved the tree off the track.

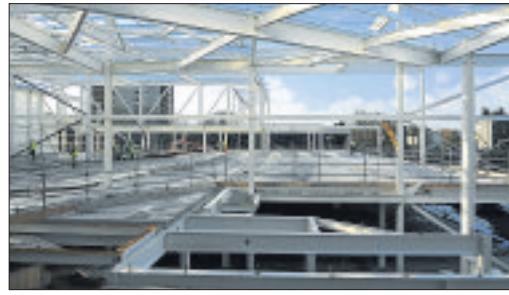
One of the dozen passengers on board used Twitter to say: "I should report to Twitter lives were saved today by heroic train driver Phil Tonks when the Stourbridge Shuttle track was blocked by a tree".

But modest Mr Tonks said played down the episode, saying: "We were only going at 10 to 15mph - we were hardly hurtling down on a main line."

Tesco takes shape to dominate the skyline



Project manager Mark Glover



The store taking shape. It will eventually create 320 jobs



How the store will fit in



Engineer Adam Broadhurst of Bowmer & Kirkland, looks over the building site of the new Tesco

to knock down the former shopping centre began in March and was completed in May.

The new supermarket will create 320 jobs and more than 250 people have already expressed an interest in working at the store. The development

which is being re-used for the new development.

The new supermarket will include a new shopping centre and a town square. Lights will be installed on Stourbridge town hall as part of work to revamp the square to make it more attractive to shoppers.

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Council's tenants helped to downsize

COUNCIL tenants in Dudley borough who want to downsize to a smaller home are being offered help with a scheme aimed at single people and couples who are of pensionable age.

Anyone who decides they are living in a property which is too large for their needs can apply.

People could have had a change in circumstances or choose to move to a smaller home to reduce bills, upkeep and maintenance.

Many older tenants transfer into sheltered accommodation, where they can remain independent, but have help at hand, if they need it.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, said: "By moving from a four-bedroom house to a one-bedroom property tenants could reduce their bills by up to £2,000 a year, which is a significant saving, particularly during the current economic climate."

"People are often put off the idea of moving as they feel that there will be too much inconvenience and paperwork to get through, but with this scheme they will be helped through the process by a dedicated officer."

12-month option on paying tax

PEOPLE and businesses in the Dudley borough are to have a 12-month payment option for paying council tax and rates.

From April, the council will give them the option to spread the costs over 12 months, rather than the usual 10. Bosses said it would help to lower monthly outgoings and ease the financial burden each month that many residents and businesses face.

Councillor Pete Lowe, cabinet member for finance, said: "We recognise the difficulties taxpayers' and businesses face, which is why we will be giving them the option to spread their payments over a longer period of time."

People can sign up at www.dudley.gov.uk or call the council helpline on 0300 555 8000.

Journalist Gary retires after 40 years



Gary Matthews

A JOURNALIST who rose to become managing director of a newspaper group in the South East, has announced his retirement after a 40-year career.

Gary Matthews started his career in 1973 on an editorial training course with the Express & Star, the Chronicle's sister paper, and its parent company the Midland News Association.

He worked through the ranks from junior reporter covering Wombourne and Sedgley, and became the newspaper's sports editor.

He was the launch editor for a new free edition of the Wolverhampton Chronicle in 1980.

"I was a very young editor on such a well-

known newspaper at the age of 25 or 26. It was Christmas come early for me and I absolutely loved it," said the 57-year-old, who now lives near Bishop's Stortford.

Mr Matthews was born in the former Wordsley Hospital in 1955. He lived at The Old Cat Inn in Wordsley, where his mother Winnie was landlady. His father, Tom, was a glazier at Stuart Crystal and put in a full day's work there before going behind the bar at The Old Cat.

After attending Lawnswood County Primary School, then Brierley Hill Grammar School, Mr Matthews joined the MNA reporters' training scheme at its offices in Castle Street, Wolver-

hampton. He was group Chronicle editor as the number of editions grew to include Dudley, Walsall and West Bromwich, among others.

He was a keen footballer before his journalistic career took off.

He played for Wolves as a junior and joined Walsall Town in 1975, scoring more than 400 goals in a nine-year spell. He also played for Stourbridge and Dudley Town.

After leaving the Chronicle in 1986, his roles included group editor and MD at Herts and Essex Newspapers. He also served as managing director of Staffordshire Newspapers before returning as editor for the Mercury series in Hertfordshire.

Tory leader steps down in wake of by-election defeat

THE Tory group leader on Dudley Council, Councillor Les Jones, resigned days after the party lost a council by-election in Stourbridge.

The Tories failed to hold on to the Wollaston and Stourbridge Town seat of Malcolm Knowles, who died last year.

Labour and Co-Operative Party candidate Barbara Sykes was elected with 847 votes. Tory candidate Matt Rogers polled 787 votes.

The council is already Labour-controlled.

Councillor Jones said there were personal reasons for his decision to quit as Tory leader, but he said there were suggestions he had been failing in his duties so had decided to go for the sake of party unity.

He said there were conflicting arguments within the group over their direction in the wake of crucial budget proposals by Labour, including a potential council tax rise.

"In recent months there has been a lot of noise from smaller sections of our Conservative group that I was failing in my role as leader," he said.

Campaign

"It has impacted on the way that we fought the Wollaston and Stourbridge Town by-election. Therefore I've taken my decision in the interests of party unity.

"I had made by decision four or five weeks ago before the by-election and hadn't wanted it to get in the way of the campaign," he said.

He refuted accusations that his leadership was failing, adding: "I think that I was an effective and hard-working leader. "I brought a lot of commonsense to the way the council performed and the savings made to protect frontline services."

Councillor Jones said he was sad to step down but was proud of his role, citing key regeneration schemes including Stourbridge's Crown Centre among examples of his achievements.

After her win the new Councillor Sykes said: "I would like to thank the people of Wollaston and Stourbridge Town for electing me as their new Labour councillor."

Marathon man Mike's beauty queen send-off



Mike Crannage and UK Perfect Little Miss Alexia Bates, and top left, Miss Teen Galaxy West Midlands Ruby Bowater, and Europe's Perfect West Midlands Kelly Wyke. The three local beauty queens are supporting Mike on his coast to coast walk across Costa Rica

THREE beauty queens wished a charity fundraiser luck as he set off on a mammoth 150-mile trek.

Mayoral attendant Mike Crannage will walk, run, climb, abseil and swim the equivalent of almost six marathons in Costa Rica.

He started the challenge, in aid of the mayor of Dudley's chosen charities, including one in Stourbridge, at the weekend.

To wish him well, Mr Crannage was joined by 18-year-old Ruby Bowater, who is Miss Teen Galaxy West Midlands, Kelly Louise Wyke, 24, who is Europe's Miss Perfect West Midlands, and 11-year-old Alexia Bates, who is Europe's Perfect Little Miss.

They helped to promote T-shirts which have been donated by the Pensnett-based Quality Print. People who buy one are entered into a raffle with top prizes up for grabs.

Different

Mr Crannage, 53, has to complete the distance, from the Pacific coast to the Caribbean, in 10 days. The money he raises will be donated to Diabetes UK; Stourbridge, Dudley and District Support Group, and the Dudley Stroke Association.

Mr Crannage said: "The terrain in Costa Rica is very different from anything I have faced before, with a lot of steep hills quickly changing into deep valleys.

"It is hard to know what to expect until I get there, but my training routine has been the same as always."

This daily regime involves a 4am wake-up call for a two-hour run of between eight and 15 miles.

Mr Crannage does his fundraising challenges during leave from his job at the council. He said: "It is amazing how much good work charities do in Dudley borough, and I am happy to contribute."

Visit www.mikecrannage.com for more details.

NEWS

in brief

Grants offer for voluntary groups

VOLUNTARY groups that provide support and social activities for adults in Dudley borough are being urged to apply for funding through the council's small grants scheme.

It is aimed particularly at groups which look to extend their services to include people with disabilities and older people. Money can be used for running costs, buying equipment and training expenses. The closing date is March 29. Application packs are available from 01384 815755.

Student wins a New York place

A FORMER Halesowen College student is ready to take on the Big Apple after securing a place at a top performing arts school.

Chris Barfoot will travel to New York in August to study acting for TV and film.

The 20-year-old from Coseley has been accepted to study at the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts.

He succeeded in an audition which involved performing two contemporary monologues, and an interview.

Station's date for its charity walk

A RADIO station has announced the date of its annual charity walk.

Free Radio's Walk For Kids will take place on June 2 to raise funds for Acorns Children's Hospice, Russells Hall Hospital, Promise Dreams and Hope House.

Last year 4,500 people walked the 10 mile route and raised £117,000. For details see radio.co/walkforkids

Quiz is a boost for MS charity

A QUIZ at Clent, near Stourbridge, raised £385 for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust.

Helen Beasley, from Romsley, near Halesowen, whose sister, Jane Dunham, of Wolverley, has MS, organised the quiz, held at the French Hen in Clent, which attracted nearly 80 people.

Air views on police

PEOPLE in Stourbridge can air their views at a police forum on March 6 at St Thomas's Church in Market Street. It is aimed at people living in the town centre and in Wollaston. The meeting will start at 7pm.

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THE INTERNET is a great blessing but, like all great technological leaps forward it brings its fair share of crooks. Home Office minister Jeremy Browne claims that cyber-crime, coupled with mass immigration, has created an estimated 7,500 crime gangs. Some days it feels like more, doesn't it? A tidal wave of casual crime has crept up on us from nowhere. There was a time, not so long ago, when the average law-abiding British citizen might encounter a common once or possibly twice in a lifetime. Now, the phone rings three or four times a day with dodgy offers from criminals who want to take your money off you.

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A READER has been bemoaning my ear on the subject of what was once called gay marriage, then same-sex marriage and now appears to be known as "equal marriage." He declares zealously: "The people who oppose equal marriage hold rather a low opinion of some of their fellow humans." In other words, the only possible reason for opposing it is that you hate gays. Quite how he squares this with the views of many gays who oppose equal marriage is not explained. But for the record, the latest thinking from Government lawyers in Whitehall is that equal marriage will require no act of consummation, and adultery will not be grounds for divorce – unless the adultery is with someone of the opposite sex. In what way is that equal? In what way is that marriage?

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A READER writes: "I do not understand the controversy about same-sex marriage. When you've been married long enough, the sex is the same."

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FOLLOWING my item on the metricality of snowfall, a reader asks: How big does a snowdrift have to be before it turns from millimetres into feet? Good question. I believe the changeover happens at about 2ft. In much the same way, the temperature these days is measured in Centigrade until it hits about 22 when, for no apparent reason, everything turns into Fahrenheit and we're suddenly in the Sizzling Seventies.

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A READER laments all this metric nonsense and longs for the days when we enjoyed imperial simplicity. "It was so easy," he recalls. "There were 12 inches in a foot, and 12 pence in a shilling. Therefore 100 pennies equalled 8ft 4ins and 90 inches was seven and sixpence." Ah, blissful days.

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HUNDREDS of British troops are going to help out our old friends the French with their post-imperial troubles in Mali. Do not take comfort from Mr Cameron's pledge that our troops will be trainers, not fighters. Most British deaths in Afghanistan over the past two years have been "green-on-blue" killings by the very Afghan soldiers and police we are supposed to be training.

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AND don't mistake bad news for good news. The headline: "Timbuktu falls without a shot fired" could also read: "Islamist guerrillas slip away with vehicles and weapons intact."

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A READER catching up on past episodes of Homeland (C4) noticed the title sequences referred to "The George Bush Centre of Intelligence." Are we all smiling?

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£2.1m scheme for supported housing

A £2.1 million project to build apartments for adults with learning disabilities in the Dudley borough has been unveiled. Council bosses have earmarked land in Sedgley and Wollaston near Stourbridge for the development.

The council is applying for £385,000 from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for the schemes. It was revealed in a report

by Dudley Council leader David Sparks and Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning.

The authority wants to create six supported apartments, helping people with learning disabilities to live independently, and three general needs houses at The Walk, Sedgley. It is proposing eight sup-

ported apartments in Norfolk Road, Wollaston.

The report says: "There remains considerable demand for appropriate homes where people with learning disabilities can live independently with support."

"The bid will provide additional affordable housing, particularly where there is a shortage. It will also contribute towards regeneration."

A decision on the council's bid for funding is expected in May. The HCA has made £160m available to support the development of affordable specialist housing for older people and adults with disabilities outside London.

Work has recently been completed on 99 council houses – the first to be built in the Dudley borough for more than 20 years.

Charity is boosted by staff at store

SAINSBURY'S staff in Stourbridge have exercised, eaten and raffled their way to raising £1,000 for carers in Dudley.

The money will go to INSIGHT for Carers after customers at the Amblecote store selected it as the branch's local charity partner.

Store manager Vernon Dix said: "We knew this was a charity that would capture the hearts and minds of our colleagues. We're working to ensure the second half of our partnership will support the charity further."

Steve Brain, Chris Hill and Keshia Dunn raised £600 in a sponsored walk. Trish Drew generated £161.50 through a cake sale, Julie Bate collected £200 for the charity, and Kingswinford and Stourbridge Lions and Glyn Bailey pulled in £42 at a charity raffle.

Margaret Madeley, secretary of Wolverhampton and Dudley Sainsbury's Veterans Association, raised £211 with a quiz.

Mark Carter, of INSIGHT, said: "The support has been overwhelming."

The charity offers advice, information and support to carers from its base in Pearson Street, Brierley Hill.

Club to get a £32,000 makeover

A CRICKET club in Stourbridge has secured funding to revamp its changing rooms and showers.

Stourbridge Cricket Club has received more than £32,000 from Sport England for the work. It has also received £8,000 from Cory Environmental Trust and £2,000 from Dudley Council.

The work will include replacing the clubhouse's floor, relaying drainage and providing new ceilings.

The umpire's changing room will also be revamped and more toilets added. The club, in High Street, is based in the Birmingham and District Premier Cricket League.

Chairman Harilal Patel said: "We are obviously delighted by this news and forever grateful to all of the funders that have made this project possible."

Revamped Scout hut opens



Mayoress Michelle Mottram, Mayor Melvyn Mottram, with Alex Gardner, aged 13, Sam Bradley, 10, Georgia Hemming, nine, and Will Bradley, seven, and group scout leader Eric Watson at the opening of the Norton Scouts Centre, Stourbridge

SCOUT and guide leaders past and present celebrated the reopening of a Scout hut in Stourbridge after £170,000 of work.

The 15th Stourbridge Scouts and Norton Guides' building in Kempton Way, Norton, was set up in 1972, but now has new roofing, improved facilities and disabled access.

Past and present leaders tied reef knots to symbolise the branch's strength and Dudley Mayor Melvyn Mottram officially opened

the base, which is also available for community use.

The scout and guide group has more than 100 members and uses the base four nights a week. As work was done the group used a scout hut in South Road, Stourbridge.

The scout hut was bought from Dudley Zoo and opened in 1972 for £3,000. However it became costly to maintain and the search was started for funding three years ago.

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NEWS in brief

Children's chance jump into action

THERE will be games, arts and crafts and gymnastics and trampolining sessions at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre during the half-term school holiday from February 18 to 24.

Youngsters aged eight and over can learn how to street dance or just practice their moves at an hour long street dance class on February 18 and 21.

The classes which start at 2pm, cost £3.80 per session.

Name guide dog at garden centre

VISITORS to Webb's garden centre at West Hagley near Stourbridge, can help name a guide dog.

The garden centre raised more than £5,000 for the charity Guide Dogs, with customers' help. Now the centre is running a competition to name a puppy. Customers will be able to meet the dog at Webb's, and its progress will be reported on regularly.

The competition runs until April 14. Entry forms from the store. The winner gets £50 worth of Webb's vouchers.

Church invitation to theatre groups

A CHURCH in the Black Country is inviting amateur theatre groups to use its newly-refurbished hall.

Holy Trinity Amblecote Church, in Vicarage Road, has a new, 32ft long stage following work at the venue. The hall can seat 100 people and has disabled access and kitchen facilities. For details email churchhall@holytinnyamblecote.org.uk

Go-ahead given for beauty salon

PLANS for a beauty and tanning salon in Brierley Hill have been approved.

Diane Breeze, of Bronz Bodz, lodged an application for a change of use for the second and third floors of a property with Dudley Council. It has been given the go-ahead. The business will open 9.30-9pm.

Charity open day

A CANCER charity in Dudley is holding an open day. Cancer Support at the White House will open on March 11. Visitors will be able to find out more about the support that staff and volunteers give patients and their families. It will run 10.30-1pm.

Schools targeted in spate of crime

THIEVES, vandals and arsonists have struck at the schools in the Dudley borough and the rest of the Black Country and Staffordshire more than 400 times in 18 months.

Thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused.

Across Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell, police were called 264 times about reports of burglaries, arson attacks and vandalism between April 2011 and November 2012.

Dudley and Sandwell schools had the highest number of reported crimes, with 77 logged in each borough. Dudley North MP Ian Austin branded the attacks on schools as "disgraceful".

Among the Sandwell schools targeted was Tame-side Primary School in Wednesbury, where 20 laptops were stolen.

Hurst Hill Primary School in Coseley has revealed it was targeted by metal thieves 16 times since November.

In Wolverhampton there were 57 incidents, including the theft of £5,000 worth of lead from St Peter's Collegiate School, Compton. Walsall schools were hit 53 times, while there were 76 cases in Cannock, 47 in Stafford and 23 in Lichfield.

Chance to climb high at centre

NEW courses in rock climbing are off the ground at a leisure centre in Stourbridge.

Indoor rock climbing lessons for adults and juniors is taking place at the Crystal Leisure Centre.

Qualified instructors lead the hour-long sessions at the Bell Street venue. Junior climbing is suitable for beginners and improvers aged nine to 15. The course runs on Mondays at 6pm and Saturday at 9.30am for nine weeks.

Adult classes for people aged 16 and over take place on Mondays at 7pm. It costs £65 for a nine-week course.

A 50 per cent discount is available to Options+ leisure discount holders.

Call 01384 812800 or visit dudley.gov.uk/sport for details.

Image released of how hall homes will look



How the new development could look

AN image showing how a proposed development of 175 homes in a village near Stourbridge could look has been unveiled.

Cala Homes wants to build the properties on the Hagley Hall estate, off Kidderminster Road, Hagley.

The firm has released artist's impressions showing the modern houses that would be built.

The scheme has attracted opposition from residents who fear it will alter the character of

the village. Outline proposals for the development were approved by Bromsgrove District Council this month.

The developer has announced a series of workshops to get the views of people living nearby.

On February 23 and 25, residents will be able to meet the project team and give them their thoughts on the details of the scheme.

It includes the style of the houses, design of the site and the

use of open space. Feedback will be used as part of Cala Homes's detailed planning application.

Regional director Darren Humphreys, said: "The workshops are part of our programme of community consultation and provide the opportunity for people to help shape the scheme in Hagley."

As part of the plans, more than £1 million will be spent on road improvements. More than 4,000 residents

signed a petition against the scheme, saying they thought it would result in services such as the school and doctor's surgery overstretched.

They said they also feared an increase in pollution. The district council received more than 1,200 letters of objection from concerned villagers.

Hagley Parish Council is in talks on whether to seek a judicial review of the planning decision.

Cocaine addict prostitute is found guilty of murder

A PROSTITUTE has been found guilty of murdering a Stourbridge businessman during a night-time raid on his home.

Emma Bate and her boyfriend Paramjit Singh broke into Richard Sherratt's flat in Bridgnorth in a midnight robbery set up by Bate.

She was looking for money to fund her crack cocaine addiction.

During the break-in, Mr Sherratt, aged 57, suffered a total of 38 injuries including five blows to the head, a stab wound to his arm and puncture marks on his face and neck.

The property developer died within an hour of the attack and was found the next day semi-naked on his blood-stained bed.

Jurors at Stafford Crown Court took more than a day to consider the case before finding Bate guilty of Mr Sherratt's murder on June 14 last year.

Bate, aged 26, of Gladstone Street, Birmingham, had denied murder, but admitted robbing Mr Sherratt.

Singh, 33, of Willmott Road, Birmingham, had already admitted murdering, robbing and defrauding Mr Sherratt.

Judge Simon Tonking said: "I am bound to be sentencing both these defendants to life imprisonment."

They will be sentenced on March 1.

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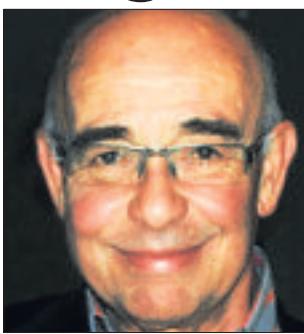
A third person, Michael Smith, 51, of Horton Street, Tipton, drove the pair to and from Mr Sherratt's home in Old School Mews. He denied robbery and was found not guilty.

As the verdicts were read out Mr Sherratt's son Joseph and daughter Jennie grasped each other's hands.

Later, Joseph, aged 28, said: "Our dad was a kind, generous and loving man, who has cruelly been taken from us. He is greatly missed by family and friends. We cannot begin to express our thanks to West Mercia Police for the help and support in bringing our father's killers to justice."

Det Insp Steve Tonks, of West Mercia Police, said: "The court heard distressing details about the degree of violence used while Mr Sherratt was held captive and tortured in his own home last June. He was subjected to a callous and brutal ordeal."

Wealthy, charming, outgoing and generous, Mr Sherratt was brought up in Kinver and attended Stourbridge's King Edward VI



Lonely – victim Richard Sherratt



Guilty of murder – Emma Bate



Paramjit Singh admitted murder



Emma Bate on CCTV waving her hands in the air apparently in "celebration" after using one of Richard Sherratt's bank cards to take out money



Bate and Singh kissing and cuddling in a lift after killing Mr Sherratt

Grammar School in Stourbridge. He set up a gold jewellery business in Stourport and later moved into property development.

He was about to start work on a development of two three-bedroom homes in Bridgnorth.

Mr Sherratt's first marriage, to Denise, produced three children - Tom, now aged 30, Joseph and Jennie - and, after that ended in divorce, he married his second wife, Tracey.

But, after two divorces and several relationships that failed, as well as battling the

cancer non-Hodgkin lymphoma, the 57-year-old was lonely.

He called an escort agency and the blonde sent to meet him was Bate, whose life was ruled by drug addiction. Infatuated, Mr Sherratt, then living in Brook Street, Stourbridge, took her to fancy restaurants,

showered her with gifts and cash and transferred £7,740 to Singh's bank account for her. They saw each other nearly every day, and friends say he enjoyed being seen out with a much younger woman.

Bate, driven by her hunger for crack cocaine, began stealing from him. On May 14, he changed his PIN number and, after returning from a trip to Dubai, he did not get in touch with her - so she hatched the robbery scheme.

Peter Davenport, senior partner at the Lee Shaw Partnership estate agents, who knew Mr Sherratt for around 20 years, said: "He was a very honourable businessman - very trustworthy and a pleasure to deal with."

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AN archivist is being recruited to catalogue historic papers belonging to the Lyttelton family of Hagley Hall, thanks to a £34k grant.

Worcestershire Archives and Archaeology Service has awarded the cash to fund the project.

The papers include details of the estate at Hagley and the international activities of the Lytteltons. One was a governor of Jamaica and another founded a region of New Zealand. A port town there bears his name.

During the eighteenth century the Lyttelton family had links with the West Indies, America and the court martial of Admiral Byng in 1756. Byng was tried and executed after he lost a battle for Minorca,

Inherited

Later family members were closely linked with former prime minister William Gladstone and leading late Victorian politicians and socialites.

Christopher Charles Lyttelton, the 12th Viscount Cobham inherited the family home in 2008.

The archives collection includes the manuscript of the first county history of Worcestershire.



Archival manager Adrian Gregson at The Hive

This was written by Thomas Habington in the early 1600s, which said to be a significant document in the early years of historical writing.

The National Archives awarded the money for the 12-month project.

A qualified archivist will be recruited by Worcestershire County Council to work on it and he will be based at The Hive in Worcester.

Survivor tells her Holocaust story

Lia Lesser with pupils at Belle Vue Primary School, Tom Jansco, Amber McDonald, Adam Maitland and Abbi Davies

SURVIVORS of the Nazi Holocaust visited schools and colleges to remember and honour the millions of its victims.

One, Lia Lesser, was given a warm welcome by pupils in Wordsley. Mrs Lesser, of Birmingham, talked to Year 6 children at Belle Vue Primary School about her experiences.

Deputy head Claire Davies said: "She spoke about her life and how the Holocaust affected her family."

A service organised at Dudley College by MP Ian Austin and the Students' Union was attended by another survivor, Eva Clarke, who was born in the Mauthausen concentration camp three days before it was liberated by allied troops.

She and her mother survived, but 15 members of her family died.

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NEWS

Fostering service only adequate, says report

FOSTER care services in the Dudley borough are only meeting minimum standards, according to a new report.

Ofsted inspectors rated services as "adequate" and said foster parents needed more council training.

The inspection report highlighted concerns over staff sickness which "has led to difficulties in completing some fostering tasks".

Councillor Tim Crumpton said the authority would address issues raised by the inspection.

The inspectors' report said: "The fostering service provides an adequate quality of care for children and young people."

Direction

It said the management team was focused on improving and developing the fostering service.

"They have a clear awareness of the direction of travel required to further improve the service."

"Foster carers are generally satisfied with the fostering service, although staff sickness has led to difficulties in completing some fostering tasks."

"As a result, some foster carers have been unhappy with the service they have received."

The borough which includes Stourbridge, has 256 approved foster carers with 565 children and young people in care.

Councillor Crumpton said: "We are, in the round, pleased with the report."

Postbox returns for senders



Councillors Pat Martin, Colin Banks and Liz Walker with the new postbox

AFTER a long wait and a petition which attracted nearly 1,000 signatures, the residents of Amblecote have finally got their postbox back.

Royal Mail had promised to replace the postbox after the telegraph pole it was attached to in Vicarage Road was replaced in September 2011.

Until late last week, however, residents were still waiting but local Councillor Pat Martin, who spearheaded the campaign for the return of the postbox, said it had finally been replaced.

She added: "Even while I was there, people I spoke with were thrilled that the postbox had been returned."

The earlier decision not to replace it had caused an outcry in Amblecote, where residents were angry at having to go an extra mile to post their letters.

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MEMORY LANE

Graham Gough's award-winning photograph of Princess Alexandra stuck in the mud at the Three Counties Show



One of Graham Gough's pictures taken during race riots in Dudley



Jared Watkins at 18 months old proves he's no dummy with the darts

How Graham captured history on his camera

A FORMER Press photographer has gathered up a collection of his work taken during his time working in newspapers to create a chronicle of the region's history.

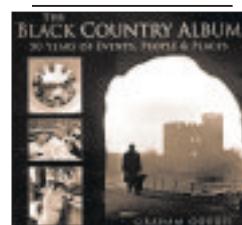
The unique collection of black and white pictures taken by Graham Gough, aged 73, from Kinver, in 50 years on local papers has been published in The Black Country Album.

Each chapter covers the different people, animals and celebrities he met in his patch in Dudley as well as all the big incidents he covered during his 26 years with the *Chronicle's* sister paper, the *Express & Star*.

The first chapter looks at the big news stories he photographed, including the Dudley race riots, fires, regional floods, rail accidents and even some rather risqué pictures of a male stripper bearing all.

Large parts of the book focus on

by Tom Mason



local people and heroes, including a number of early pictures of Black Country funny man Lenny Henry performing for class mates in his Dudley school soon after his first television appearance on New Faces in 1974.

The West Midlands has had its fair share of royal visits and Graham was present for many of them.

His picture of Princess Alexan-

dra stuck in the mud at the Three Counties Show, Malvern, in June 1977, won National Royal Picture of the Year award.

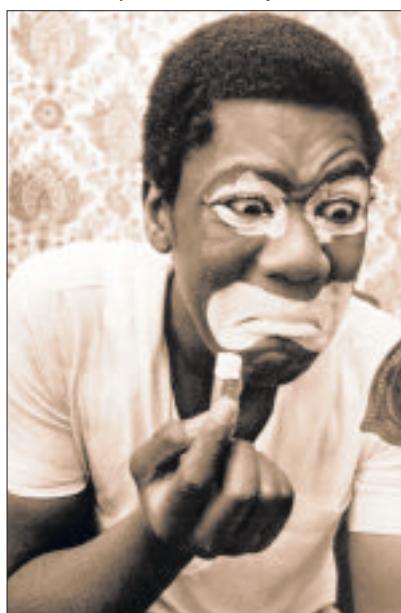
One of the final chapters focuses on what Graham loves photographing best, children and animals and features lots of them doing weird and wonderful things.

With his time mainly spent in Dudley, Graham spent plenty of time capturing the wildlife at the town's famous zoo.

But it wasn't just the exotic that he captured. Some of his more interesting pictures are of sheep at a bar and a dog in a tuba.

One of the more intriguing pictures in the book is that of Jared Watkins, of Sledmere estate, Dudley, who at the age of just 18 months could throw darts as well as Phil 'The Power' Taylor.

Copies of The Black Country Album can be snapped up from www.thehistorypress.com or Amazon.co.uk or high street stores such as Waterstones and W H Smiths for £12.99.



Lenny Henry was a guest on the Black and White Minstrels when Graham persuaded him to paint his face

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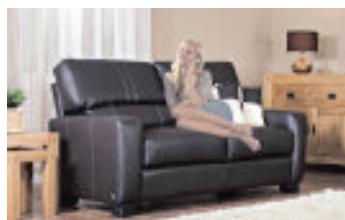
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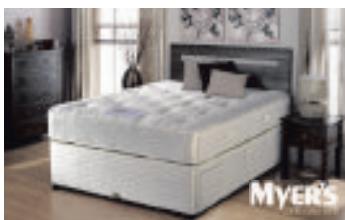
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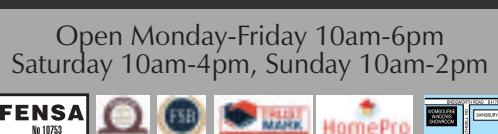
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NEWS

Sarah has her hands full with safari park animals



FROM elephants to lions and everything in between - Stourbridge veterinary nurse Sarah Smith has her hands full at West Midland Safari Park.

One of her urgent tasks is to make sure the park's star attractions, 12 rare white lions, keep their weight down.

The first four lions were introduced to the park at Bewdley in 2004 at a cost of around £250,000.

Sarah said: "Most of the pride have lost quite a lot of weight now and they are looking very good, although we still have a couple of the older girls that are taking a bit more time."

"A lion needs to be lean and athletic.

"In the wild the large carnivores wouldn't eat as regularly as they do in captivity, so becoming overweight can become an problem. They're fed every two days here, while in the wild they might not eat for a week."

The fitness regime for the lions is just a tiny part of an extraordinary behind-the-scenes veterinary regime involving every one of the park's 1,700 animals.

Everything from cockroaches, meerkats and lemurs, to elephants and tigers come under Sarah's care.

She said: "We get to know the animals. They all have their own characters, and if we do lose one it is a sadness, almost like losing a pet."



Veterinary nurse Sarah Smith gives Five the elephant a check-up and inset, the park's rare white lions

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LETTERS

Beware of wishy-washy promise

TO those gullible people who were hoping for a vote on whether or not this country should remain part of the European Union dictatorship and who are now rejoicing at the prospect of an in/out referendum promised by David Cameron, I would urge them to look at the facts.

If it happens at all (and we all know what's happened to previous referendum promises), David Cameron's referendum will not happen for at least another four years.

And even then, it's dependent on a Conservative Government, led by Cameron himself, being elected outright in 2015.

At the moment, the daunting prospect of another New Labour Government and Ed Miliband as Prime Minister, looks on the cards for 2015, especially as the Liberal Democrats are facing total annihilation following their betrayal of their own supporters and the British electorate generally.

And New Labour are not offering a

referendum. In the meantime, on January 1 next year, the UK will be opening its door to people from two of the most deprived countries in Europe, Romania and Bulgaria.

No promises from David Cameron about what might happen in four years time is going to stop that happening!

MR R A SARGEANT
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LETTERS | to the Editor

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What high-speed trains really mean

THE prospect of the HS2 rail line has caused excitement. Those whose environment is likely to be spoilt by it will oppose it, but they will not be listened to by the NIMBYs.

The NIMBYs are those in government, the developers, the ambitious and the uncaring, who come up with plans with adverse consequences for someone else, but not in their own back yard.

For decades, those who make such plans use the NIMBY epithet in relation to their victims when in reality, the term more appropriately applies to them.

Are those who say HS2 will bring prosperity to the north of London, sure of what the shaving of minutes or an hour off a journey will really bring? Has anyone carried out a real environmental assessment of the long-term implications?

If the railway is a success huge swathes of countryside will be taken for the construction industry. This will affect wildlife, landscapes, townscapes, character and heritage. It will encourage population growth. Madcap train speed will effectively make northern towns suburbs of London. Is that what you want?

MICK FREER
The Hawnelands Halesowen.

Prostate test was received gratefully

HAVING seen an advertisement about a free prostate test and a chat to a consultant at St Thomas Hall, Stourbridge, for the 45 years and over, I decided to make an appointment.

When I attended with my wife we were treated with the utmost professional attention. We would like to thank Mr David Baxter-Smith and all of his staff for the time that they had given to me and many others on their day.

There was no charge as this is a charitable trust but a donation is optional.

Hopefully, if they generate enough funds, they will be back in April and carry on with this good work. Once again, many thanks to the Graham Fulford Trust for raising prostate awareness.

By the way, I was lucky enough to get a green PSA result.

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NEWS**999 call to find laptop password**

A MAN complaining about his takeaway meal and a woman who had forgotten her laptop password are among the bizarre 999 calls which have been made to West Midlands Police.

As part of a force campaign highlighting its work, details of recent calls which should never have been made to police have been released.

Senior officers said that nearly half of the 700,000 telephone calls received by the force's emergency line did not fit the bill.

Of the worst examples, Chief Inspector Sally Holmes said: "These calls are ridiculous and it doesn't end just there."

"We regularly receive calls to 999 about lost property, people asking for directions and from people who have been denied entry to a night-club."

Serious

"Each call often takes minutes to deal with and if someone is trying to report a genuine emergency, a minute is a long time to wait."

"The 999 number is for emergencies only – a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened. To contact police for any other reason, call 101."

Mrs Holmes said as well as bizarre hoax calls, some were made maliciously.

John's had a lotta bottle but he rounds it up at 67



Out in all weather – intrepid milkman John Pardoe



A customer's engraved thanks



John, front left, and other milkmen with the then Miss UK in the 1970s

JOHN PARDOE has been more than a milkman to his customers.

The 67-year-old has been friendly face for hundreds of people during the 36-year career which has now come to an end.

Three days a week, Mr Pardoe wakes up at 3am to get to the main milk depot in Wolverhampton before returning to Wollaston's Kingsway estate to deliver to 250 customers.

Since many were elderly, he was always

happy to help or have a chat, knowing he may have been their only visitor that day.

He said: "One customer couldn't turn his heating on so I helped, and once we had a man who was unconscious on the floor and I was going to try and get in to help him."

Once, a man with a gun walked up to the milk float. Mr Pardoe said: "He fired the pistol three times and I saw blue flashes. I was so shocked. The police closed the road off but they couldn't find him."

The gun turned out to be a starting pistol.

But despite the hazards, he said: "I loved this job. I didn't mind the cold because I loved the people and getting to know them."

On his last day at work, Mr Pardoe, of Brambling Walk in Amblecote, collected an array of cards and gifts from well-wishers. One had taken pride of place at home – a milk bottle specially engraved by a grateful customer.

It was created by Kevin Barry Crystal at a studio in Wollaston.

Mr Pardoe said: "It's very unusual and

has a tiny diamond embedded in the glass. It's a very special gift."

He plans to spend more time with his wife June, children, Lisa and Shaun, and three grandchildren, 19-year-old Tom, one-year-old Willow and four-month-old Tajo.

But he said he would not forget his customers.

"I'll keep coming here. I've said I'll come back once a month to visit people. They are more than just customers, they are friends."

Famous factory set to bite the dust

DEMOLITION has begun at one of the West Midlands' famous lock factories to make way for new homes.

Scaffolding and fencing has been erected at the former Union Locks offices Gower Street, Willenhall, which date from the 1930s, as work begins to tear down the iconic building.

It has fallen into decay over the 12 years it has been empty.

Les Burrows, chairman of Willenhall History Society has expressed fears that the loss of the site is another nail in the coffin for the area's heritage, following the loss of old buildings during the construction of the nearby Morrison's supermarket.

He added that the demolition would be particularly sad for those who used to work in the offices.

Houses

Once cleared the site will be used for 35 houses and 12 flats under plans from developer Westbury Partnerships.

The developer had to apply for special permission for the demolition because of the building's heritage status.

Willenhall councillors Sean Coughlan and Carl Creaney both support the development that they hope will revitalise the town centre, while getting rid of a site that attracted vandalism and other anti-social behaviour.

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NEWS

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Staff Nurse Lucy Edmunds and Charge Nurse Matthew Walker start to spruce up the relatives' room

A £3,000 fundraising appeal to generate cash to refurbish a relatives' room at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital has been launched.

Staff in the accident and emergency department want to spruce up the room, which is where the friends and families of a patient can rest while their relative is being seen.

The money raised will be spent on new furnishings and tables to make the room more comfortable.

Emergency department matron Briony Howells said: "Hospital can be a distressing place for relatives while their loved one is being treated."

To donate, call 01384 456111 ext 2323.

Trust named as worst in the country for bedsores

THE trust that runs Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital has been named the worst in the country for the number of bedsores reported by patients.

There were 192 reports of patients suffering bedsores. But hospital chiefs say the figure is due to a "zero tolerance" approach to the problem which has seen a new thorough checking system introduced.

Figures show that The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust made 307 reports of serious untoward incidents in the year from October 2011. Of those, 192 were pressure sores.

Trust chief executive Paula Clark said: "Pressure ulcers do account for the majority of our serious untoward incidents because it is both a Dudley Group and a national priority to reduce the number of pressure ulcer patients develop.

"We introduced a rigorous new system of checking in January 2011.

"We expected to see a rise in the number of reported pressure ulcers by our nursing teams. Now that our reporting is so robust, and pressure ulcer management is to a high quality in every ward with every nurse, we are seeing the kinds of reduction we had hoped for."

MP lends a hand with club revamp

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James will drop in at Stourbridge Cricket Club to help with the club's ambitious improvements.

She visits the Memorial Ground tomorrow (Friday) to lend a hand with the finishing touches to the renovation and modernisation of the club's changing and showering areas.

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CLUB NEWS

Donation will prove vital for blind centre



Stephen Lees hands the cheque to Pete Moodie of the Beacon Centre for the Blind

STEPHEN Lees, president for 2012, had great pleasure in presenting on behalf of Probus Club of Wednesfield a cheque for £400, which included his own generous contribution, to Mr Peter Moodie at the group's first meeting in January.

Mr Moodie expressed thanks on behalf of Beacon Centre for the Blind and said the money would go towards the vital services that the centre offers to local people with visual impairment. He followed up with gave a talk and demonstrated helpful items

that can be used in daily lives by people with sight loss. Thanks were expressed by 2013 president Mel Pope with the club's best wishes to Beacon for the future.

For a full list of meetings, which take place on the third Tuesday in the month, and events, contact John on 01902 733230 or David on 01902 631948.

PROBUS CLUB OF WEDNESFIELD

THERE was a very good response to the competition for a handmade Christmas card or decoration.

Guild members were asked to put a coin on the item they thought was the best and the money raised would go to the charity fund and it raised a total of £38.20.

SEDGLEY MORNING TOWNSWOMEN

December's speaker was Rod Quilter, who spoke of "Remarkable Restraints" a history of corsetry since the turn of the century with

examples for members to pass around and look at.

As bad weather is always a threat in January it was decided to hold a bring and buy sale, which added £50.20 to the charity fund.

Members then enjoyed a Beetle Drive with prizes for winners and losers.

Subs rise as hire fee increases

WOLLASTON E TOWNSWOMEN

THE first meeting of 2013 was very well attended by 41 members and nine guests.

Chairman Jean Latham, warmly welcomed everyone and wished them a prosperous and healthy new year. She added she was pleased that everyone had enjoyed the Christmas party.

The secretary followed with the correspondence, most of which comprised 'thank you' messages from neighbouring guilds invited to the Christmas party.

The treasurer reported that due to increases in the costs of hiring venues, speakers, etc, subscriptions have to be raised to £27. However, the evening admission fee remains at £1.30.

The secretary requested that annual sub-section reports are submitted in time for the AGM in March.

Speaker for the evening, John Billingham, gave a very informative talk with slides on the subject of 'Images of Worcestershire'. He was given a round of applause and thanked by the chairman.

The competition winners were Janet Hodder and Sue Ward, while raffle prizes went to Barbara Sawyer and Jude Crosswell.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on February 12 at St James Church Hall. Ian Bott will speak on 'Black Country Burials'. The competition involves a photo of a local church.

Extra added to charity pot

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NEWS

Driver, 27, sent to jail for 'catastrophic' crash

Club's base move pays off



Hardeep Johal, and James Moclair at the Tai Jutsu Kwai Martial Arts Centre

A MARTIAL arts club has secured its future after finding a new home.

Tai Jutsu Kwai Martial Arts Centre reopened on the upper floor of Plaza Mall in Dudley last month.

Owner James Moclair made the move after customers were concerned by alleged drug use near the centre's former base in High Street.

Mr Moclair who has spent £3,000 on the new base said: "I'm delighted - where we are now is 100 per cent better

than where we were before, and my users agree."

The centre has about 125 members attending 10 different classes.

Mr Moclair, aged 56, has eight martial art grades and has represented England in World Championships.

At the World Ju Jutsu Demonstration Championships in 1986, he won gold.

Anyone wanting to join the martial arts centre should call 07815 676950.

A DRIVER whose souped-up car had defective tyres has been locked up for 11 months for knocking down and "catastrophically" injuring a cyclist.

Matthew Hollingshead lost control of his Audi A3, hit a kerb and a wall, and ploughed into prison officer Richard Bennett.

Mr Bennett, 42, of Lower Gornal, was cycling home from work. He suffered a broken back, shattered shoulder, dislocated right hip, broken nose and damaged teeth in the crash on February 21 last year.

Prosecutor Rhiannon Jones told Wolverhampton Crown Court last week that off-duty Pc Richard Bennett thought he saw the turbocharged engine Audi racing another car shortly before the smash at 9.15pm, in Soho Way, Smethwick.

Regrets

"He turned to follow it and immediately came upon the scene of the accident. The Audi was at right angle with bits of the bicycle in the road and Mr Bennett lying in the gutter some distance from the car and his bike. It was obvious he was very seriously injured."

Miss Jones said one tyre was bald and the others were all defective.

Simon Worlock, defending, said: "He ought to have checked the tyres and deeply regrets that he did not. He is very concerned to see the state that Mr Bennett is in and fully accepts his responsibility."

Hollingshead, aged 27, of Handsworth, admitted dangerous driving and was jailed by Recorder Kevin Hegarty QC who told him: "You...wrecked Mr Bennett who suffered multiple fractures. The harm you caused was catastrophic for him."

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NEWS**Pregnant women taking up vaccine**

MORE than 70 per cent of pregnant women in the West Midlands took advantage of the new whooping cough vaccine in December – 17 per cent higher than the national average.

In Wolverhampton take-up was 100 per cent, with all 179 women having the vaccine. The city was one of only three PCTs in the country to get top marks.

The take-up in Dudley borough was 76 per cent, and it was 61 per cent in Sandwell and Walsall.

The vaccine was introduced last year to quell the rising spate of whooping cough cases in youngsters.

Newborn babies cannot normally be vaccinated until they are two months old, so the temporary programme was launched for pregnant women in October.

The West Midlands was the best-performing area in England with an overall percentage of 72, compared to the national average of 55.

Pleased

But professor David Salisbury, director of immunisation at the Department of Health, said the figure was still not high enough.

"I'm pleased that nationally more than half of pregnant women took up the offer of the whooping cough vaccine in December," he said.

"But I'd urge more women in the West Midlands to get it to protect their baby."

In England in 2012, 14 infants died of the disease.

Water firm in price pledge to customers as bills go up

£157,000 boost for maternity services

A £157,000 cash injection to improve the maternity unit at Walsall Manor will help make patients' stays as "comfortable as possible", say hospital bosses.

The cash has come from a Government grant. It has been earmarked for better en-suite rooms and to provide overnight accommodation for partners.

Nursing and midwifery chief, Karen Palmer, said: "We are extremely pleased to have received this grant which will enable us to make improvements to our maternity services environment."

Partners

These changes will have a positive impact not only on the women but also partners who will find a number of improvements, making their stay with us as comfortable as possible."

The cash will be used to refurbish nine birthing rooms. This is to allow partners to stay overnight in comfort, along with more privacy for families using the main birthing facilities.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs New Cross Hospital, was given £170,000 for new parent accommodation to be installed in the neo-natal unit. Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust received £40,000.

The funding was announced by Health Minister Dr Dan Poulter, who said patients would see huge improvements.

Regis kicks off tour to take statue plan to fans

THE average household water and sewerage bill in England and Wales will increase by 3.5 per cent over the next year, regulator Ofwat has said.

Households will pay an average of £388 from April 2013 to March 2014 – 0.5pc above the rate of inflation.

But Severn Trent claimed that its customers in the West Midlands would continue to have the lowest average combined household water bills in England and Wales over the coming year.

Simon Mullan, the company's credit manager, said: "Any price rise, however small, is unwelcome, but we have worked hard to keep bills as affordable as possible for our customers."

"Our customers will be paying an average of 92 pence a day – that's less than the average cost for a litre of bottled water."

Network

The firm said the rise would help to fund an investment programme of £1.3 million a day, which includes work with Centro to construct the new Midland Metro.

Severn Trent Water will invest £4.2 million to move its water and sewer pipe network as part of a £127 million joint project to bring trams back to Birmingham's city centre.

Ofwat's chief executive Regina Finn explained the rises. She said: "We said they could only increase bills in line with inflation. We understand there is huge pressure on household incomes, and any rise is unwelcome. Inflation is driving these increases."

"We will make sure customers get value for money and if companies fall short in delivering their promises, we will take action," Mrs Finn added.



Cyrille Regis, with a copy of the Three Degrees Baggies heroes statue, and Ted Etheridge, from the Britannia Inn Sports, where a fundraising tour will start

BAGGIES legend Cyrille Regis has given a thumbs-up to a scale-model of a statue which will soon be standing proudly in West Bromwich town centre.

The former footballer was at the Britannia Inn Sports Bar in Wollaston this week to promote a fundraising tour to raise money for the actual statue, which will feature Regis as well as fellow Baggies stars Laurie Cunningham and Brendon Batson.

They were affectionately known as the Three Degrees and between them paved the way for future black footballers.

Bob Taylor, Tony "Bomber" Brown and Cyrille Regis will begin the fundraising tour at the Britannia Inn Sports Bar on February 20, giving fans the chance to meet their heroes and exchange stories.

Experience

Sculptor Graham Ibbeson is creating the statue while Black Country businessman Jim Cadman is leading the project.

"It's a very humbling experience and I have to thank Jim Cadman and the celebration status organisation for proposing it," said Regis.

"It's quite surreal, really, but it's going out on tour and I'm looking forward to travelling with it every now and then."

Regis said the actual statue was coming on well.

"I've been down to the foundry in London to see how he's doing things," he said.

"It's great to see the process and I'm looking forward to seeing it fully unveiled."

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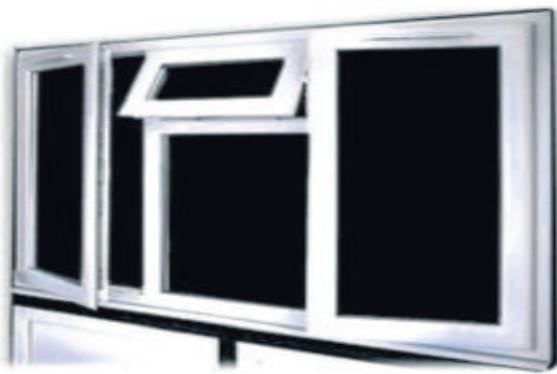
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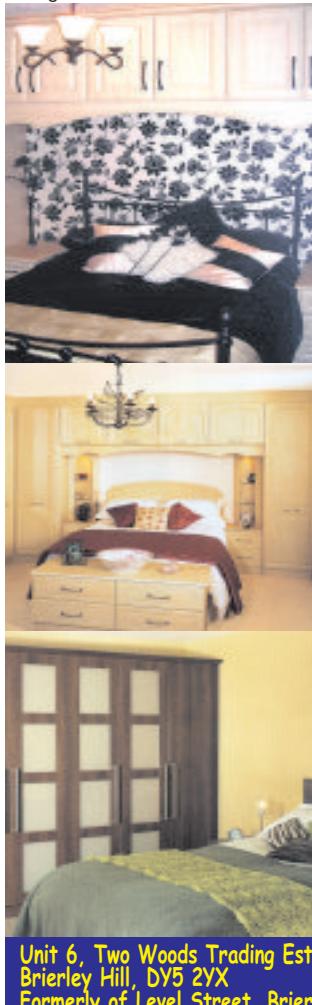
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NEWS

£8,700 bill for the big question over rise in tax

A PUBLIC consultation by Dudley Council asking if residents would accept a two per cent increase or above in council tax will cost taxpayers up to £8,700.

Opposition councillors say big budget decisions may be taken before consultation - dubbed The Big Question - ends. The council say consultation will be paid for out of savings by axing payments made to councillors on now defunct area committees. Five area committees will become nine smaller community forum groups starting next month.

The council says it will save £8,783 in a move to cover "all the costs of a consultation" launched at the end of November after funding pressures on services.

A cabinet meeting on February 12 looking at spending for the next 12 months takes place more than two weeks before consultation ends on February 28.

Town finance spokesman, Councillor David Blood, in a letter to the press, said it was "alarming" that the meeting was on February 12 but paperwork for it will have been prepared at least 10 working days prior.

"It would appear this whole exercise has been ill-thought-out, a waste of many thousands of pounds of resident's money and a complete sham," he said.

Council finance boss Councillor Pete Lowe said they had a firm commitment to carry out a meaningful consultation and results would help ensure decision making took into account views of the people.

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New dance classes at hotel

A DUDLEY hotel is holding a new series of dance classes every Sunday night.

The ballroom dancing sessions will be held weekly between 2.30pm and 5pm at the Station Hotel, Castle Hill.

Sessions cost £2.50 and feature singers with ballroom and sequence dancing. For details on sessions call 01384 253418.

Major drama at museum

The cast of *Dancing on the Edge* film at the Black Country Living Museum

attractions for filming high-profile shows.

The drama tells the story of a group of black jazz musicians, the Louis Lester Band, as they find fame among the parties of London's high society. Writer and director Stephen Poliakoff takes the helm of the lavish production.

The all-star cast includes Jacqueline Bisset, Joanne Woodward, Angel Coulby, Mel Smith, Anthony Head, Caroline Quentin and Jane Asher.

John Goodman
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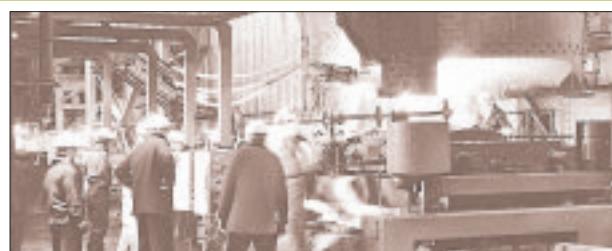
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Round Oak was preparing to celebrate its 125th anniversary when the axe came



MP John Blackburn campaigned to save the works



A casting machine inside Round Oak Steel Works, Brierley Hill

Tea break came with news of steel works closure and 1,200 lost jobs

IT was a tea break Michael Lyon will never forget. The crane operator at Round Oak Steel Works was in the rest room with around 25 workmates when reports came through on the radio that their plant would be closing, with the loss of 1,200 jobs.

"It was the first we had heard about it," he says. "Apparently the union had known about it for some time. We were just totally shocked, there were quite a few swearwords and words about the union man. It wasn't very pleasant."

It is 30 years since Round Oak, the last major steel plant in the West Midlands, shut its doors for the last time.

Just a few years earlier, half of the Black Country had reverberated to the dull thud of the steel-making industry, the smoking chimneys of Round Oak, Brierley Hill, Patent Shaft, Wednesbury, and Stewarts and Lloyds, Bilton, forming the backdrop to the Black Country skyline.

By Christmas 1982 they had all been consigned to history. Bilton had been the first to close in 1979, and Patent Shaft followed suit the following year.

But all the hopes that this rationalisation would secure the future of Round Oak, which had been preparing to celebrate its 125th anniversary, melted away like a lump of pig iron entering a furnace.

Michael, now 71, had been with the company for 14 years when the plant closed. His son Ian, who worked as an apprentice bricklayer at the works, also lost his job. "It was a fantastic place to work, I enjoyed going to work

Report by Mark Andrews

every day, I don't think there are a lot of people who can say that," he says.

"Everybody helped each other out, if anything went wrong, we all pulled together, you would never get anybody say 'that's not my job'."

"The bosses there would bend for you as well, they would try to help you, and then when they wanted a favour, you would give them the favour back."

Round Oak was founded in 1857 by the Earl of Dudley, as an outlet for the pig iron from the blast furnaces which proliferated the area. At the height of the industrial revolution, most of the world's iron was made within 20 miles of the plant.

The earl already owned coal and iron mines, limestone quarries, sand-pits and blast furnaces, and his agent Richard Smith saw a large, modern ironworks as the perfect way to use these resources.

Replace

He bought 28 acres of land, a private railway, mines and minerals under the land from the Earl of Aberdeen, and the plant quickly built up a reputation, winning a medal at the 1862 International Exhibition for "fine collection of iron of good quality".

As steel began to replace iron in the 1880s, the plant was rebuilt on a much larger scale, and the five chimneys which towered above Brierley Hill became known as 'The Cunader', because of their resemblance to a giant cruise ship.

Michael, who lives in Kinver, says jobs at Round Oak

were much sought after in the steel trade when he joined as a 27-year-old in 1968. "At the time, I was working for Titan Steel Wheel at Cookley, near Kidderminster," he says. "In those days it was very hard to get a job at Round Oak. You usually had to know somebody who already worked there, but funny enough, I just applied for a job and got accepted."

At its peak, 3,000 people were employed at the 50-acre site, but the 1970s saw a big fall in demand and 1,750 jobs were cut in the three years prior to closure.

Just two months before closure, personnel director Ian Copland had assured the remaining workers that their jobs were safe. Pledges were made to save the works and the Government agreed to look at a rescue package put forward by Dudley West Tory MP John Blackburn. But it was all to no avail.

Michael Lyon remembers a sombre mood in the plant on the last day. "At noon they told us we could go if we wanted, and most just ran out as soon as it was time," he says.

After leaving Round Oak, Michael set up taxi and window cleaning businesses.

Buildings like the main office block in Dudley Road survive to this day, but most of the works was demolished in 1984. The site is now home to the Waterfront offices, with Merry Hill shopping centre nearby.

Michael says: "I can still recognise where I worked, in the No. 3 bay, right opposite the Blue Brick pub," he says. Occasionally he goes back to the site do a spot of shopping, but not very often.

But he adds: "They've had my job off me – they're not having my money, too."



Round Oak Steel Works, founded in 1857 by the Earl of Dudley



Michael Lyon in 1982 when Round Oak closed and, right, today

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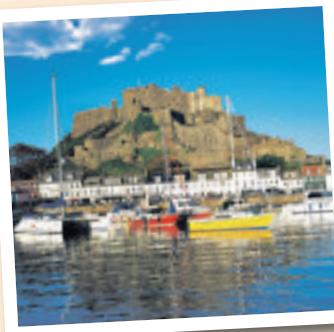
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What's On! Stourbridge

Musical treat is on way for charity

A NIGHT of musical theatre with songs from West End shows is being staged at a charity concert at Stourbridge.

Performers from Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company are taking to the stage for the show, called A Grand Night for Singing.

The event will be held at Stourbridge Town Hall, off Market Street, on February 28, starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets will cost £6, and the proceeds will go to Mary Stevens Hospice.

People can telephone Irene on 0121 500 8631 for more details about the show.

Laura to lead cartoon session

ARTIST Laura Howell will lead a cartooning workshop at Stourbridge Library on Saturday from 11.30am until 2pm.

The Beano Cartoon Illustration Workshop is aimed at children aged five or older and their families.

The event is free but booking at the library is recommended.

Talk at library

BRIERLEY Hill Library will have a talk by author Geoff Tristram to launch this year's Six Book Challenge on Saturday February 9.

Mr Tristram will also talk about his humourous writing.

Refreshments will be served from midday with the talk to start at 2pm and expected to last about an hour.

JIMMY Osmond, and his brothers Jay and Merrill, will lead a disco-tastic tribute to the 1970s in Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Joining them for the musical Boogie Nights will be Pop Idol and West End star Gareth Gates and, from The X Factor, cheeky Chico, Laura White and soul singing former binman Andy Abraham.

The jukebox musical will feature Shane Richie Junior in the role of roguish disco fan Roddy, a jack the lad in a provincial British town, a character first played by his father, who helped create the show 15 years ago.

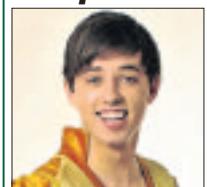
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Gates plays a heart-throb, Abraham a tough soul singer with a liking for Barry White songs, and Chico will be showing his disco dance moves to Le Freak. As Debs, Louisa Lytton (EastEnders, The Bill and Strictly Come Dancing) will belt out such numbers as I Will Survive.

The three Osmond brothers will appear as special guests, and will perform their 70s hits Crazy Horses and Love Me For A Reason.

Boogie Nights is at Wolverhampton Civic Hall (0870 3207000) tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow night (Fri), then will move to Symphony Hall (0121 780333) in Birmingham on Saturday night.

Dream will do nicely for fans



Keith Jack as Joseph

KEITH Jack came a close second in the TV search for a new Joseph, Any Dream Will Do.

But since 2011 he has established himself as a popular leading man in the touring production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Biblical musical.

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Actress Elizabeth McGovern as Lady Cora in Downton Abbey, left, and fronting her band Sadie and the Hotheads, who are coming to Birmingham and Worcester



Downton's Lady Cora is a rocker

AMERICAN star Elizabeth McGovern is famous for the role of Lady Cora in hit ITV costume drama Downton Abbey but she has another alter-ego, as lead singer and guitarist with rock band Sadie and the Hotheads.

The former Hollywood actress, who married an English director and moved to London in the 1990s, will bring her band to the Adrian Boult Hall in Birmingham tomorrow night (Friday) and to Worcester's Huntingdon Hall on Saturday.

She said: "It's an American kind of sound, a mix of country and rock and roll. It's as if I needed to be in London to discover this side of myself."

The Hotheads sometimes also feature guests, which have included her on-screen Downton daughter Michelle Dockery.

Tickets cost £21 at Birmingham. Call 0121 3450600.

Best foot forward for weekly walk

THE weekly Wordsley Trail walk is on every Wednesday starting from the main car park at King George V Park, Lawnswood Road.

The free walk begins at 10am with walkers asked to be there 15 minutes before that. The walk lasts about an hour and is led either by Jackie Edwards or a park ranger.

This is a picturesque walk through woodland trails and along canal towpaths, and includes the Buckpool and Fens Pools Nature Reserve.

Sketchbook of art work by Fox

THE Fox Sketchbook is an exhibition celebrating works recently received by Dudley Museum and Art Gallery. The works, by local artist Ernest Fox, include a small sketch book.

Mr Fox was working in Dudley during the 1880s and a highlight of his work shows the view from Castle Hill towards Tipton as it looked at the time. The exhibition runs until March 9 and admission is free.

Choir's requiem

OLD Swinford Hospital Chamber Choir is combining with Redhill Chamber Orchestra to perform Faure's Requiem on Wednesday February 13 at 7.30pm. The concert is at Great Hall at Old Swinford Hospital School and includes works by Bach, Warlock and Avison. Admission is free.

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SATURDAY'S TV 9.02.13

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Patrick Robinson

Casualty BBC1, 9.10pm

Long-standing Casualty fans probably won't need to be reminded about Martin 'Ash' Ashford, but for newer viewers, he was Charlie's former deputy who worked on the wards of Holby between 1990 and 1998. Since leaving the show, actor Patrick Robinson has regularly cropped up on our screens – his credits include a two-year stint on The Bill – and it turns out his Casualty alter ego has been busy as well, because when Ash rejoins the team this evening, it's as a fully qualified doctor. But how will he feel when he discovers his first patient has a case of rabies?

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 The Good Cook. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. 4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union.
- 7.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 7.20 **Britain's Brightest.** Clare Balding is joined by comedian Bill Bailey as she tracks down the woman who claims the title of Britain's Brightest and a cheque for £50,000. Last in the series.
- 8.20 **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Scott Mills.
- 9.10 **Casualty.** Charlie's former nursing deputy Ash, now qualified as a doctor, rejoins the team, and hits the ground running when he treats a patient with suspected rabies.
- 10.00 BBC News; Weather.
- 10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Swansea City v Queens Park Rangers and Southampton v Manchester City; National Lottery Update.
- 11.40 **The Football League Show.** Manish Basin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Bolton Wanderers v Burnley. 12.55 Weatherview. 1.00 News.

BBC2

- 6.00 Close. 7.10 Great British Menu. (R) 7.40 Great British Menu. (R) 8.10 Great British Menu. (R) 9.10 Great British Menu. (R) 9.40 The Sky at Night. (R) 10.00 A History of Britain by Simon Schama. (R) 11.00 Meet the Ancestors. (R) 11.30 Map Man. (R) 12.00 Indian Food Masterclass. (R) 12.30 Mastermind. (R) 1.00 University Challenge. (R) 1.30 Film: The Taming of the Shrew. (1967) 3.30 The Mary Berry Story. (R) 4.30 Final Score. 5.30 Ice Age Art: A Culture Show Special.
- 6.30 **Dad's Army.** Jones's van runs over a minefield and the platoon is forced to spend the night in a spooky deserted house, where the men's imaginations soon run wild. (R)
- 7.00 **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May pilot three front-engined supercars on a road trip from Las Vegas to Palm Springs via Los Angeles. (R)
- 8.00 **Great Otters of the Amazon: Natural World.** Cameraman Charlie Hamilton James heads to the Peruvian jungle to chart the dangerous life of a giant otter and its unruly family of six cubs.
- 9.00 **Howard Goodall's Story of Music.** The composer examines the period between 1750 and 1850, which was the era of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Schumann and Chopin.
- 10.00 **Dancing on the Edge.** Dama, by Stephen Poliakoff. (R)
- 11.35 Film: Milk. (2008) Biopic of US politician Harvey Milk, starring Sean Penn.
- 1.35 Close.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. 6.10 Handy Manny. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 7.00 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships. 8.00 The Morning Line. 8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.55 Frasier. (R) 10.25 Frasier. (R) 10.55 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.55 The Singing Detective. 1.25 Secret Millionaire Ireland. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.25 Come Dine with Me. (R)
- 6.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Caroline Wardrobe hosts the final dinner party in Glasgow. (R)
- 6.25 **Channel 4 News.**
- 6.50 **4Thought v. Northern Ireland's Union Flag dispute** and the questions it raises about the religious divide in the public's eyes.
- 6.55 Film: Crocodile Dundee II. (1988) The Australian adventurer lures the drug dealers who kidnapped his girlfriend to the Outback for a shower. (C) Adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski.
- 9.00 **World Without End.** Merlin returns from Italy and urges Caris to elope with him, but she refuses, while Kingsbridge is hit by the Plague that has been sweeping through Europe.
- 10.05 Film: Kiss the Girls. (1997) Thriller, starring Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Cary Elwes and Tony Goldwyn.
- 12.20 Film: Porky's (1982) Sex comedy, starring Kim Cattrall. 2.05 The Confession. (R) 2.10 Hollyoaks. 4.15 Stillville. (R) 4.55 Countdown. (R) 5.40 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

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CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Super Sentai. 10.35 Battler: The Brave and the Bold. 11.05 How Do They Do It? (R) 11.40 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.40 Dangerous Drivers' School. (R) 1.40 Film: Stranger with My Face (2009) 3.25 Film: My Neighbor's Secret (2009) 5.10 Film: Two Mules for Sister Sara. (1970) 7.20 **5 News Week.**
- 7.20 **NCIS.** The team determine the mole in their ranks, the detectives are forced to rely on information from questionable sources as they try to prevent a criminal stealing government secrets. (R)
- 8.10 **NCIS.** A petty officer is killed in what at first seems to be a road-rage incident – until the team discovers he belonged to an underground fight club. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)
- 9.00 **Law & Order.** Green and Cassidy investigate the murder of a woman after callers to the emergency services report seeing a photograph of her body on the phone. (R)
- 10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** An ex-financier's girlfriend is murdered.
- 10.55 Film: Kiss the Girls. (1997) Thriller, starring Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Cary Elwes and Tony Goldwyn.
- 11.55 Inside Hollywood 2013. 12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 HouseBusters. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.15 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.40 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

- BBC Three**
7.00 Merlin 7.45 Doctor Who. Part two of two. A doppelganger seeks revenge against its makers. 8.35 Flight of the Pigeon Returns (2006) 9.00 Family Guy 11.40 American Dad! 11.00
- BBC Four**
7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano 8.00 The Treasures of Ancient Rome 9.00 Spiral: State of Terror 10.45 When Albums Ruled the World 11.20
- ITV2**
7.25 **NCIS.** The team determine the mole in their ranks, the detectives are forced to rely on information from questionable sources as they try to prevent a criminal stealing government secrets. (R)
- ITV3**
4.15 Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) 4.45 You've Been Framed! Calendar Special 7.00 Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) 9.20 Take Me Out: The Gossip 10.05 Film: Peace of Mind 10.50 Film: Sleepy Hollow (1999)
- ITV4**
2.55 Film: Northen Mounted Police (1940) 5.30 Live Africa Cup of Nations. The third-place play-off (Kick-off 6.00pm). 8.15 TT Legends 8.45 GT Academy 9.15 Film: Mercury Rising (1998) 11.30 Film: Firefox (1982) 11.45 Film: Engagement 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy Endings 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 2 Broke Girls 9.00 Film: The Full Monty (1997) 10.45 The Big Bang Theory 11.45 The Cleveland Show
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- ITV5**
2.40 A Touch of Frost 5.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Midsummers Murders 11.00 Film: Schindler's List (1993)
- ITV6**
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- ITV4**
2.40 It's a Wonderful Life (1946) 5.15 Carry On Regardless (1961) 7.00 The First Wives Club (1996) 9.00 Predators (2010) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Adrien Brody. 11.10 Jennifer's Body (2009)

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Stephen Fry

The British Academy Film Awards BBC1, 9pm

The Oscars may be more in-your-face, but when it comes to understated glamour with a classy edge, the British Academy Film Awards – or Baftas, to you and me – win hands down. Stephen Fry hosts this year's event from London's Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. The only man who knows for sure that he'll be adding one of the trophies to his mantelpiece is Alan Parker. The director is the latest film-maker to be awarded a Bafta fellowship. As for the rest of the evening's awards, Lincoln leads the way with 10 nominations.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast, 7.35 Match of the Day, (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show, 10.00 The Big Questions, 11.00 Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead, 12.25 Countryfile, (R) 1.25 Call the Midwife, (R) 2.25 Live Six Nations Rugby Union, 5.00 Africa: The challenges faced by the continent's wildlife. Last in the series, (R)

6.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Blundells. It is the annual castle fete, and as usual Connie forces Clarence to wear a top hat and make a speech, a double ordeal he hopes to dodge after befriending a pair of crafty chivalry.

7.00 Countryside. Matt Baker explores the Cornish southern coast to find out about its mythological past. Plus, a farm with a holistic approach to agriculture and tidal power on the Orkney Islands. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny and Sienna are at last at the birth of a baby with spina bifida, while Nonnatus House plays host to an eccentric cleric friend of Chummy.

9.00 The British Academy Film Awards. Stephen Fry hosts the annual ceremony live from the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, where Lincoln, Les Misérables, Skyfall, Argo and Anna Karenina lead the nominees.

11.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

11.25 Round 101 – Extra Storage. With Clive Anderson, Alex Jones and Jack Whitehall.

12.05 Celebrity Apprentice USA, 1.25 Weatherview, 1.30 News.

BBC2

6.00 Close, 7.15 Film: Rachel and the Stranger, (1948) **8.45 Life in a Cottage Garden**, with Carol Klein, (R) **9.15 A to Z of TV Gardening, 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites, 11.30 The Little Paris Kitchen:** Cooking with Rachel Khoo, (R) **12.00 Eatenders, (R) 1.55 Flog It!, (R) 2.00 Great British Food, (R) Amazon: Natural World, (R) **3.40 The Mary Berry Story, (R) 4.40 Songs of Praise, 5.15 In Orbit: How Satellites Rule Our World, (R) 6.15 Ski Sunday,** the men's World Championship downhill from Schladming in Austria.**

7.00 Food & Drink. Culinary advice and discussion, hosted by Michel Roux Jr. (R)

7.30 Open All Hours. Arkwright feels neglected by Nurse Gladys Emmanuel, and decides to elicit her undivided attention by feigning illness. Comedy, starring Ronnie Barker and Lynda Baron, (R)

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson takes a look at the latest GTRs against Jamie May and Richard Hammond, who take the pan-European rail network, in a sprint from London to Milan.

9.00 Wonders of Life. Professor Brian Cox travels to southern Africa to explore why Earth is such a fertile place and how it sustains such a large variety of life forms.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Everton.

11.00 Dancing on the Edge, (R) 12.05 Six Nations Rugby Union, 12.50 Sign Zone: Being Eileen, (R) 1.20 Holby City, (R) 2.20 Close.

ITV

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6.15 Dancing on Ice. A romantic love-themed show.

7.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Diarmuid Gavin and Gemma Merna take part.

8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley preside as the two couples who have the best support skate again in a bid to stay in the competition.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. Harry is left unconscious after the car accident and as his family gathers by his bedside, the news arrives that Mrs Grove is dead – something which leaves Miss Mardle confused.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Film: Duplicitly, (2009) 11.00 Film: The Devil's Own, (1987) starring Robert De Niro, Tom Wilkinson and Paul Giannetti, 12.30 Premiership Rugby Union, 1.25 The Store, 2.55 Monk, (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen, 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show, (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs, (R) 6.35 The Hoobs, (R) 7.05 Will & Grace, (R) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.25 Frasier, (R) 8.50 4thought, (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch, 12.00 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 1.55 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 1.55 The Simpsons, (R) 1.55 The Simpsons, (R) 2.25 Film: Star Trek III: The Search for Spock, (1984) 4.25 Team Time, 5.25 Deal or No Deal, 6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought, (R) Northern Ireland's Union Flag dispute.

7.00 The Political Slot. Behind the scenes of Nick Clegg's new radio phone-in show.

7.05 Come Dine with Me. A week of dinner parties in Bristol, featuring a revealing outfit, a personal hobby, the work of PJ and Duncan and a best of British theme.

8.00 The Hotel. Mark decides to sell the Grosvenor, but dreads telling the staff and turns to his adviser for support, while the Joneses settle in to their first-ever stay in a hotel.

9.00 Film: The Last Stand, (2007) Tough cop John McTernan goes on the trail of a criminal mastermind plotting a technological terror attack on America. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis and Timothy Oliphant.

11.35 Film: Changing Lanes, (2002) Revenge thriller, starring Samuel L. Jackson, 1.15 Film: The Last Mitterrand, (2005) semi-fictional doc, starring Michel Bouquet, 3.15 Coming Up, (R) 3.45 St Elsewhere, (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal, (R) 5.25 Countdown, (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig, 6.05 Peppa Pig the Racing Car, (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots, (R) 6.25 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures, (R) 6.30 The Mr Men Show, (R) 6.45 Olive the Ostrich, (R) 6.50 Abby's Flying Fairy School, (R) 7.00 The Banana and Custard Show, (R) 7.10 Animal Antics, (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy, (R) 7.40 City of Friends, (R) 7.55 Little Princess, (R) 8.05 Milkshake! Monkey, (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Botte Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky, (R) 8.20 Midway, (R) 8.30 The Gossips, (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear, (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom, (R) 9.15 Toby's Travelling Circus, (R) 9.30 Roary the Racing Car, (R) 9.45 Jelly Jamm, 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai, (R) 10.35 Batman, (R) 11.00 The Brave and the Bold, (R) 11.30 The Gossips, (R) 12.20 Once Upon a Time, (R) 12.10 Winter Road Rescue, (R) 1.15 Film: The Witches, (1990) 3.05 Film: While You Were Sleeping, (1995) 5.05 Film: The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep, (2007) 7.15 Inside the Titanic, The story of the 1912 disaster from the point of view of those below deck.

8.55 5 News Weekend. 9.00 Person of Interest. An unemployed man appears to be planning to kill a congressman.

10.00 Film: Piranha, (2010) Premiere. Horror remake, starring Elisabeth Shue.

11.50 Film: Red Water, (2003) Horror, starring Lou Diamond Phillips.

1.35 SuperCasino, 4.00 HotelBuster, (R) 4.30 Divine Design, (R) 4.50 County Secrets, (R) 5.05 Hana's Hiptime, (R) 5.15 The General's Daughter, (1999) Murder mystery thriller, starring John Travolta, 11.20 A Life Less Ordinary (1997)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave, 7.30 The British Film Academy Awards 2013: Red Carpet

People Like Us
BBC Four
7.00 Heligan: Secrets of the Lost Garden, 8.00 Harlots, Housewives & Heroines: A 17th Century History for Girls, 9.00 Queen: Days of Our Lives, 11.00 Frankie Howerd: Rather You Than Me

ITV
3.45 Take Me Out 5.00 Take Me Out – The Gossips, 5.50 Film: Kindergarten Cop (1990), 8.00 You've Been Framed, 9.00 The Magaluf Weekend, 10.00 Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008)

ITV3
3.25 Agatha Christie's Marple, 5.20 Murder, She Wrote, 6.25 Film: Vertigo (1958), 9.00 Film: The Birds (1963) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Tippi Hedren, 11.30 Film: A Perfect Murder (1998)

ITV4
3.45 Film: Aces High (1976), 6.00 Little Africa: City of Nations, The Final Kick-off, 6.00pm, 9.00 Premiership Rugby Union, 10.00 Film: The Silence of the Lambs (1991)

E4
5.00 Revenge 6.00 The Big Bang Theory, 7.00 New Girl, 8.00 Film: Home Alone (1990), 10.00 What Happens in Kavos, 11.00 My Mad Fat Diary

Film4
2.55 Big Momma's House 2 (2006), 4.50 Family Guy, 5.00 Film: The Devil's Own (1987), 6.00 The General's Daughter (1999), 7.00 Murder mystery thriller, starring John Travolta, 11.20 A Life Less Ordinary (1997)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Three Days, BBC1, 12.20am

Fact-based drama covering the events of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, when the US and Soviet Union confronted each other with nuclear arsenals primed. An American spy plane observes the Russians installing ballistic missiles in Cuba – and over the next 13 days mind games are played out in Washington amid unbearable tension, as President Kennedy comes into conflict with the warmongering military. Starring Kevin Costner, Bruce Greenwood and Steven Culp. (2000)

TUESDAY

The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, BBC1, 11.25pm

A doctor is caught molesting a patient and commits suicide, after which his wife has a miscarriage. She blames his victim for her losses and plans to get revenge, infiltrating the unsuspecting woman's house as a nanny and playing twisted mind games to destroy her life. Thriller, starring Rebecca De Mornay, Annabella Sciorra, Julianne Moore and Ernie Hudson. (1992)



City by the Sea, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY

City by the Sea, BBC1, 11.35pm

A respected New York homicide detective is torn between family ties and official duty when the murder of a drug dealer blamed on his estranged son. Struggling to come to terms with his offspring's troubled past, he also faces another battle to prevent his grandson following in his father's footsteps and choosing a life of crime. Drama, with Robert De Niro, Frances McDormand, James Franco and Eliza Dushku. (2002)

THURSDAY

The Matrix Revolutions, Channel 5, 10pm

As the survivors of the human race make their last stand against the machines, freedom fighters Neo and Trinity undertake a desperate journey into the heart of the enemy stronghold seeking a way to end the war, while the rogue computer programme Smith sets about remaking the virtual world of the Matrix in his own image. Conclusion of the sci-fi trilogy, starring Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne and Hugo Weaving. (2003)

FRIDAY

The Last Boy Scout, ITV, 10.35pm

A private eye half-heartedly takes a job as bodyguard to a nightclub dancer. A shocking attack, however, forces him to take his duties more seriously, and before long he uncovers evidence of murder and corruption – all linked to the world of American football. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis, Damon Wayans, Chelsea Field, Halle Berry and Noble Willingham. (1991)

Celebrating the best of the big-screen offerings

The Oscars may be more in your face, but when it comes to understated glamour with a classy edge, the British Academy Film Awards – or Baftas, to you and us – win hands down.

We're now well into the awards season, with the National Television, Golden Globes and Screen Actors having already happened; the aforementioned Oscars are just around the corner too.

But for now, it's London's Royal Opera House in Covent Garden that grabs our attention. That's where Stephen Fry will be hosting the 66th Baftas, and from the red carpet to the A-listers from across the globe who gaze at him in awe while wondering if they will be taking home one of the coveted Bafta masks.

"Hard as it may be for some characteristically sceptical Britons to believe, the Baftas have real kudos, reputation and cachet all over the world of film-making," says Fry. "I, old as I am, never cease to be shamelessly glamourised by the sight of so many legendary names who come every year as nominees and presenters."

MONDAY

Food & Drink

BBC2, 8.30pm

Recently we found out how Mary Berry went from being a slightly posh, polio-stricken Bath schoolgirl to much-loved culinary queen in the two-part documentary The Mary Berry Story. Here she's back doing what she does best – demonstrating how to prepare something simply, but well. Mary will be helping presenters Michel Roux and Kate Goodman create the perfect afternoon tea. Food writer William Sitwell is also on hand, making the claim that sliced white bread is the best thing since, well, sliced white bread, and Rachel Khoo, of The Little Paris Kitchen fame, is in the French capital to explain why traditional pâtisseries are so special.

Black Mirror

Channel 4, 10pm

Series one of Charlie Brooker's Twilight Zone-style strand aired in 2011, and won the Best TV movie/mini-series award at the International Emmys, and a Golden Rose for Best Comedy at the Rose d'Or Television Festival. Season two also looks like must-see TV. The opener centres on young couple Martha (Hayley Atwell) and Ash (Domhnall Gleeson), who move to a remote cottage. He's obsessed with social media, so when Ash tragically dies, a new service capable of using his digital footprint as a basis for further communication gives Martha a chance to continue their relationship. However, problems arise when Ash is recreated in physical form.

TUESDAY

Alex Polizzi: The Fixer

BBC2, 8pm

As a member of the renowned Forte dynasty, Alex Polizzi knows a thing or two about what it takes to keep a family business going, and she's ready to pass on that hard-won wisdom in the second series of The Fixer. Over the next few weeks, she'll be turning her expert eye on everything from a beauty salon in Essex to an undertakers in Hampshire, and she starts with East London interiors shop Alf Onnies, which specialises in fabrics and curtains. The business was established by the siblings' grandfather in the 1920s, but has recently been struggling as the recession and the housing-slam have taken their toll. However, Alex believes the shop's woes can't all be blamed on the economic climate...

Dallas

Channel 5, 9pm

Could foul play be involved in Tommy's disappearance? Christopher (Jesse Metcalfe) thinks so and is desperate to connect Pamela (Julie Gonzalo) to the crime, while she is doing her best to gain control of Ewing Energies. Meanwhile, JR (Larry Hagman) and John Ross (Josh Henderson) will do anything to reclaim their birthright, even if it means turning one family member against another. When a new member of the family turns up at Southfork, Ryland's sadistic games push Ann to the brink.

Pick of the Week



Stephen Fry hosts The British Academy Film Awards, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

WEDNESDAY

From the Heart

ITV, 9pm

Strip away all the hullabaloo of Valentine's Day, and the leading lights at ITV are keen to get us thinking about something much more important this week – the benefits of organ donation. Dermot O'Leary hosts this one-off special raising awareness of the NHS Organ Donor Register, and he's roped in a few familiar faces to help him. So step forward Rowan Atkinson, Hugh Laurie, Pixie Lott, Harry Enfield, Paul Whitehouse and some of the cast from Outnumbered with comedy and musical offerings. Plus, Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues orchestra, McFly and Alexandra Burke perform.

THURSDAY

EastEnders

BBC1, 7.30pm

It's Valentine's Day, and Walford's cutest couple, Abi and Jay, decide to mark the occasion by taking their relationship to the next level. However, the chances of anyone else enjoying a nice, romantic evening are looking pretty slim. Bianca certainly has bigger things than love on her mind as she frogsmarches Liam to school, telling him that until he stops playing truant, he's grounded. If that wasn't stressful



Hugh's Fish Fight, Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm

enough, she then discovers that the reason the stock she and Kat have been selling on their stall is so cheap is because it's stolen.

Hugh's Fish Fight

Channel 4, 9pm

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall is back for a new series, but what's that got to do with the price of fish? Well, funny enough, quite a bit actually, and a lot more besides. The chef's made no secret of the fact he wants to do his bit to save our seas, but now his plan is stepping up a gear. With two thirds of the planet's fish stocks overfished, and a fifth of the world's stocks collapsing all together, Hugh wants to persuade governments around the world to set up more marine protected areas. In this first instalment, Hugh heads to the Philippines and investigates how local fishermen dynamite fish, a practice that is destroying fish stocks.

FRIDAY

Sea City

BBC2, 8.30pm

We are an island nation and as such have relied upon the sea for sustenance and transport since time immemorial. These days, our shipbuilding and fishing industries may have declined substantially, but there are still a good many people who make a living on or by the ocean's waves. In this new series, somewhat unexpectedly voiced by John 'Nasty Nick' Altman, we're given a glimpse into the lives of the men and women of Southampton Port – the people who really are keeping Britain afloat, by dealing with over a million cruise passengers and 40 million tons of cargo annually.

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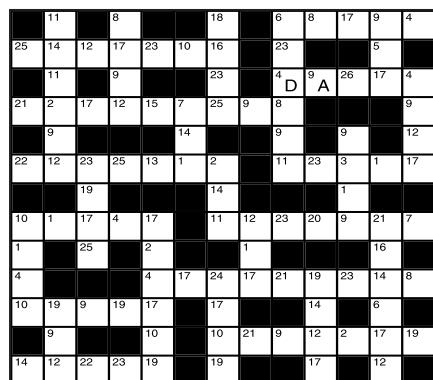
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What's On!**Brain Gym**

No.207

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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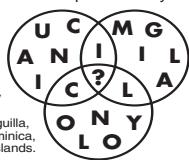
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Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S

SOLUTION:

The letter

represented by

the question

mark is A.

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Barbados,

Dominica,

all Caribbean islands.

Double Crossword

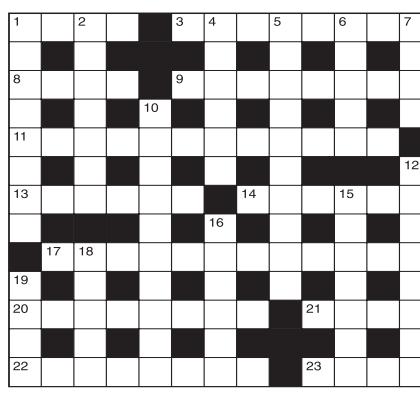
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

1. Agreement prepared for conveyance, we hear (4)
2. Sidesman? (8)
3. A complete defeat for the rabble (4)
4. Taking part in industrial unrest is attractive (8)
5. Frustrated - having been relieved of office? (12)
6. Trim the conifer (6)
7. Some of the doctored rum-punch put back to cause fatal results (6)
8. Would their activities end with a mating-call? (5-7)
9. Deliberate destruction of red coins (8)
10. Convivial association for the driver (4)
11. Opposed changing into a dress-tie (8)
12. What artists do to create an attraction (4)

Down

1. A delightful place to be in a public promenade (8)
2. The kind of weight for one that falls into the fight! (7)
3. Gesture that produces court proceedings (6)
4. Describing the sort of figure that is eternally intriguing? (10)
5. Something that sticks in the back (5)
6. Not far from endless darkness (4)
7. Unearthly clothing to fit in the gaps (5-5)
8. Weapon to reach the other side of the arch (8)
9. He stays permanently healthy in revolutionary uprising (7)
10. A field of activity for a planet (6)
11. Among the smooth and silvery palms (5)
12. Mark shows unending alarm (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Disarmament; 9 Overtax; 10 Nerve; 11 Keels; 12 Moorish; 13 Temper; 15 Badger; 18 Rancher; 20 Senna; 22 Light; 23 Hearted; 24 Uselessness; Down: 2 Irene; 3 Ariste; 4 Maxim; 5 Mango; 6 Nursing; 7 Works to rule; 8 Netherlands; 14 Manages; 16 Abstain; 17 Arches; 19 Hotel; 21 Notes. QUICK - Across: 1 Accountancy; 9 Boredom; 10 Drier; 11 Thorn; 12 Extreme; 13 Untold; 15 Estate; 18 Tractor; 20 Augur; 22 Venue; 23 Finesse; 24 Brotherhood. Down: 2 Cargo; 3 Ordinal; 4 Number; 5 Audit; 6 Chimera; 7 Obstructive; 8 Free-hearted; 14 Trainer; 16 Staunch; 17 Trifle; 19 Treat; 21 Gesso.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S

SOLUTIONS >

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Few real details have been released, but the engine choices will include at

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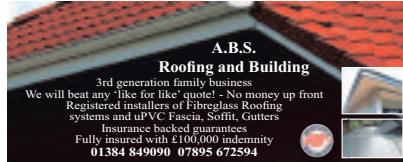
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The award-winning house-builder has sold out on phase one at its Friars Gate development, and is preparing to open a new Hayfield-style 'view' home on phase 2 on Saturday, February 16, in addition to the existing show home on the site.

Friars Gate will see a total of 314 two- and three-bedroom homes built as part of the transformation of the former North Priory estate over the next four years – creating a whole new community.

Local house hunters will be able to view the three-bedroomed Hayfield view home, which will showcase the size of the property and its newly landscaped garden.

Work on the Friars Gate project began in January 2011, reservations are being taken for phase three of the project, which is not due to be released until April.

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Eamonn McInerney, group sales and marketing director at Keepmoat, said: "This is a major development for what is set to be a brand new community and the popularity of the home we've seen shows that this will be a thriving area in the heart of Dudley."

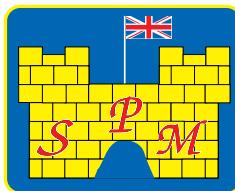
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Father and son help to bring title win closer

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club firsts are two matches away from the Wolverhampton Division Two title.

Father and son Nic and Jeremy Fallowfield helped them to a 3.5-2.5 win at Rugeley. Helen Kirby lost, but Jeremy Fallowfield, on board one, got an advantage in the opening and took the win after a kingside attack.

Nic produced a similar victory and Colin Woodall won against a much higher-ranked opponent. A Steve Jukes draw was enough for Stourbridge, who now face Mercia at home and Lichfield away in the title chase.

The seconds won in Birmingham Division Three, beating Greenlands 4.5-1.5 at home with three wins and three draws.

Eric Horwill had a board one draw against a top Worcestershire player in Peter Kitson, while Julie Wilson, Paul Sharratt and John Loyens all won.

Stourbridge, who were expected to have a fight against relegation, should now finish comfortably in mid-table.

Anyone interested in playing for Stourbridge or who would just like to play social chess should telephone Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk for more information about the club.

We've got it right – Greenwood

HEATHENS youngster Dan Greenwood has given the new-look 2013 team his seal of approval.

Greenwood, 19, is one of only two survivors after Dudley chiefs had to rip up the table-topping 2012 outfit to get under the 40-point team building limit.

He believes they've got it right with a combination of raw talent and established National League experience.

He said: "It should be a good side. There is a lot of room for development. Hopefully everyone can settle in quickly and we will all chip in with some points."

"I'm sure Ash (Morris) will make a great captain. He's got a tough job taking over from Adam (Roynon), but I'm sure he can do the job."

Wasps' penalty is decisive in cup clash

Stourbridge U11 2 Worsley Wasps North U11 3

STOURBRIDGE twice came back from behind to level in the Darren Owen Charity Cup quarter-final only to go down to a penalty.

It was a fine performance from Stourbridge and a game worthy of the competition which honours their late manager Darren Owen.

Jordan Edwards and Callum Lawton found the net for Stourbridge after a brace from the impressive Ryan Grovesnet twice put Wordsley ahead.

But Joe Priest's penaltyulti-

mately proved decisive in deciding the outcome.

Stourbridge U13A 1 Mount Nod U13 4

Injuries left Stourbridge's sole substitute was on the field after only 10 minutes, so they had to play one light when Bayley Ralston was taken off injured.

Mount Nod dominated most of the second half and got their noses in front.

At that point Stourbridge looked comfortable, but Mount Nod always carried a threat and equalised on the break. Stourbridge keeper Adam Siviter made an excellent save, but Mount Nod's player fol-

Stourbridge Juniors

lowed up to score. Stourbridge's sole substitute was on the field after only 10 minutes, so they had to play one light when Bayley Ralston was taken off injured.

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They were in charge from there, scoring another two goals to clinch the win.

Stourbridge U13B 4 Gornal Colts U13 1

Stourbridge had the game wrapped up before Gornal scored a

consolation goal late in the proceedings.

Stour went ahead after just five minutes when Sam Green crossed for Brooke Price to slot the ball past.

A few minutes later, Green repeated the trick with Jack Davies the recipient this time to make it 2-0.

Price turned provider for the third goal, fired home by Liam Hands via a Gornal defender.

In the second half, Hands set up Josh Ball for Stourbridge's final goal.

Despite Stourbridge's attacking threat, their man of the match was Callum Collins for a fine game in defence.

Stourbridge U15A 3 Wilden Village U15 1

Another good performance saw Stour eventually overcome a well-organised Wilden team.

Lucas Muckley and Jordan Siviter both scored and Luke Brookes converted a penalty.

Results: Withymoor U12 7 Stourbridge U12B 0 (Cup quarter-final), Stourbridge U15 Girls 1 Wolverhampton U15 Girls 4, Stourbridge U15B 2 Phoenix U15 0 (Cup quarter-final), Worsley Wasps U17 Girls 3 Stourbridge U17 Girls 3.

Places on offer for up to 100 walkers



WE are now in week six of the training programme in preparation for the Action Heart five-mile run.

If you haven't already entered the February 24 event, act now!

Visit www.actionheartrunning.com and download an entry form, or you can enter online by visiting www.runbritain.com and searching for the event.

This year, Action Heart are also allocating up to 100 places for walkers. You will need to indicate on the form if you are a walker and a yellow race number will be sent in your race pack.

Walkers will set off on the five-mile course starting and ending at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley at 9am with runners going at 9.30am.

Action Heart is a registered charity based in Dudley committed to the rehabilitation of patients who have suffered a heart attack, undergone heart surgery or suffer from heart-related illness.

Schedule

Funds raised at this event will be used to develop the service provided at the Action Heart Centre at Russells Hall Hospital.

For those following the schedule, if you find you cannot get out for a run on one of the specific days then do not worry – it can be flexible. Take the rest day early – do not become obsessed with times and distances.

The course has some long uphill pulls and downhill stretches. Adjust your pace uphill to achieve the same energy output as on the flat rather than keep up your speed. Going downhill can be more difficult – again, adjust your speed and don't try to make up for lost time.

The training schedule for the coming week is aimed at building stamina. Remember, finishing is more important than your time.

Each runner who finishes will take away a T-shirt as a memento of the day.

Training: Week six

- Monday: Rest
- Tuesday: Three-mile jog
- Wednesday: Two-mile jog
- Thursday: Rest
- Friday: Three-mile jog
- Saturday: Rest
- Sunday: Five-mile run

Proud Peacocks strut their stuff in victory

GORNAL ATHLETIC'S Wembley dream lives on after they mounted a stunning comeback in the FA Vase.

The Peacocks came from behind against Wisbech Town to clinch a 4-2 win in extra time.

Athletic recovered from an early two-goal deficit to march into the last 16 with goals from Lee Wherton, Chris Rabone, Calum Martin and Marvin Nisbett in front of a bumper crowd of 270 at the Garden Walk Stadium.

Victory secured them a trip to Cornwall side Bodmin Town this Saturday with a place in the quarter-finals at stake.

Gornal also earned another £2,000 in FA prize money to take their earnings to £6,800 so far – with another £2,500 up for grabs this weekend.

Gornal boss Ian Rowe said: "For a club like us to reach the last 16 is superb."

Dreams of further progress seemed a long way off after Gornal fell 2-0 down after just six minutes.

Change

A goalkeeping error by Matt Martin saw Wisbech go ahead with a freak goal.

Martin drilled the ball against Wisbech striker Deakan Napier, who was then able to roll it into the unguarded net.

Four minutes later, Dubi Ogbencha made it 2-0. The Wisbech man beat two players before slotting the ball home.

Rowe changed things at the break, taking off midfielder Gurdeep Wilkhill and bringing on Matt Wheymen on the right wing.

And Nisbett had Gornal in dreamland with two minutes left as he netted with a looping header.

by Tim Nash

He also opted to push Martin up front.

And the move started to pay dividends swiftly as Wherton halved the deficit from the penalty spot in the 56th minute after left-winger Rabone was fouled. He hit the equaliser on 72 minutes with a superb strike from 25 yards which found the top corner of the net.

Gornal piled on the pressure in the last 20 minutes, Wheymen hitting the bar while Curtis Tilt forced the Wisbech keeper into an outstanding save.

But they had to settle for extra-time – and the tie tipped further in the Peacocks' favour in the first period when Wisbech's Steven Reid was sent off after receiving two yellow cards.

Gornal went ahead for the first time in the 100th minute when Martin met Kristian Green's cross on the run.

And Nisbett had Gornal in dreamland with two minutes left as he netted with a looping header.



Marvin Nisbett, who grabbed the last goal of the tie at the Garden Walk Stadium, hurls himself into a challenge

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James Baird on his way to victory in the Stagger
Picture: Brian Smith

It's muddy hard work in Stagger

MUDGY going meant the Stourbridge Stagger race was well-named.

Competitors found the going tough in the 10-mile event.

But James Baird of Halesowen AC made light of the conditions to come home first in a time of one hour, two minutes.

There were 384 finishers in the 10-mile race while 55 competitors made it home in the ladies' seven-kilometre event.

Results: 10-miles race 1. James Baird (Halesowen AC) 1:02.00, 2. David Smith (Wolverhampton and Bilston AC) 1:03.59, 3. Peter Hawkins (unattached) 1:04.52.

Women: 1 Sophie Ward (Birmingham Running and Triathlon) 1:12.24, 2 Yasmin Chaudri (Birmingham Running and Triathlon) 1:14.34, 3 Linda Howell (Bournville Harriers) 1:15.31.

Spillane (Spa Striders) 30.59, 2. Marie Voice (Kenilworth Runners) 33.11, 3. Barbara Cole (Unattached) 35.11.

Robins move into last four

Dudley Town 1 Dudley Sports 0
DUDLEY TOWN marched into the semi-final of the Birmingham Midweek Floodlit Cup with what in the end was a comfortable victory over local rivals Dudley Sports.

The Robins, in their first outing since January 5, looked a little rusty but carved out the best chance of the first half when Geoff Hill's fierce shot struck Sam Pearson's crossbar.

Sports were reduced to 10 men halfway through the second half and Town began to take the game to them.

But there were only 12 minutes left when Richard Langford stole in to tuck home a loose ball for the game's only goal.

The Robins had chances to extend their lead with Dreniz Bala and Nikki Faux both going close.

Early struggle for Saxons turns into a surge

Stourbridge Saxons 30 Caldy 14

The Saxons struggled to find top gear against mid-table Caldy before coming through strongly in the second half.

Trailing after a lacklustre first half, they got the hairdryer treatment from the coaching staff and re-emerged a side transformed.

The pack bulldozed Caldy's scrum and the backs added three further well-taken tries for another bonus point win to maintain their lead in National League Two North.

Coach Mike Umaga said: "We put in a good second-half performance."

"I'm happy to take the bonus point win, but our first half was unacceptably poor and unstructured and the guys got it from me

both barrels at half-time. We can't go into a game thinking all we have to do is turn up to win."

Full-back Tom Jarvis's second minute try was created by winger Nathan Bressington coming across from the right.

Jarvis took his pass and barged through two tackles to score but Caldy hit back almost immediately as a poorly executed Saxons chip over the defence gifted possession which Caldy's left-winger hacked into goal and won the race to ground the ball.

With the conversion successful and no

further scores in a dour first half, Saxons left the pitch trailing 7-5. Nick Adams took over at tighthead and immediately dominated, forcing a sequence of penalties that inevitably resulted in a Caldy yellow card.

Pete White added pace and precision at scrum-half and Saxons took full advantage of a breeze now in their favour.

Another Bressington intervention put Will Hurrell over in the left corner two minutes in. Caolan Ryan added a further penalty after Caldy infringed at a ruck.

Bressington then scored the try of the

match. The ball went quickly right after captain Ben Hughes secured a turnover and Bressington beat four defenders for pace in a run starting on the right in his own half and ending to the left of the posts.

Jarvis got back in on the act with another long-range effort after hitting a flat Ryan pass at pace, the latter knocking nails into the coffin with the conversion and a penalty.

Bressington was denied a second try when clear on goal from a pass that just drifted forward. Caldy clawed back a score as their centre was worked past the left flank defenders late on, but Saxons had a comfortable margin and emerged clear winners.

Ten-men Town dig in to take the points

Dunkirk 1 Tipton Town 2

TIPTON TOWN overcome Nottingham-based Dunkirk with a fully committed team performance as every player rose to the occasion.

Dunkirk's aggressive, but effective, style had Tipton on the back foot early on, keeper Jack Hayfield twice starring with smart saves.

After Nathan Waite and Danny Dubidat had made the home side somewhat more wary with good strikes, the visitors took a 10-minute lead through influential skipper Tom Tonks.

A splendid interception by Lewis Haycock in the 13th minute nullified a dangerous break by Dunkirk's Jack Hopper and shortly afterwards Will Coutts curled an effort over Hayfield's crossbar.

Tipton's cause was made far more difficult in the 61st minute when defender Paul Henley was red-carded for retaliation after being fouled by Bradley Wells.

But they rocked the home side with a second goal three minutes later, Lewis Haycock's speculative lob completely deceiving home keeper Daniel Dobbie.

Dunkirk reduced the arrears in the 71st minute when substitute Alex Eliker drove his shot past the exposed Hayfield.

Five minutes later, Dunkirk blew a great opportunity to tie up the scores when Coutts blazed his shot over the top from close in.

Dunkirk were now in full cry, another telling cross being headed thankfully behind by Tonks. Eliker allowed heart to rule head in the 88th minute when he fired wildy over the top.

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PROMOTION PUSH HIT AS GOAL NICKED

THE GLASSBOYS' promotion push suffered a setback as a second-half goal from Nick Beasant was enough to give the visitors victory and also complete a league double over Gary Hackett's men.

Buoyed by three successive Evo-Stik Southern Premier wins, Stourbridge attacked from the start and in the second minute Sean Evans poked a low shot straight at Eagles Ian Brown from the left-hand side of the box.

A minute later a rasping

30-yard drive from Jordan Fitzpatrick flew inches wide of Brown's right-hand post.

Bedford thought they had

taken the lead on five minutes as Dean Coleman could only parry a 20-yard drive from Ollie Wilkinson diving to his right.

Beasant collected the loose ball before touching it back for Will Green to find the net. However, Beasant had strayed offside when the initial shot came in.

Stourbridge continued to make more of the running though and in the 15th minute a ball forward by Nathan Bennett was taken down well by Luke Benbow.

CLOSE

He struck an angled low shot that Brown was able to save.

Sixteen minutes later Sean Geddes went close from a free-kick from 20 yards.

Three minutes before the break a Bedford corner was cleared by Jamie Oliver who found Ben Billingham.

He fed Drew Canavan to advance before squaring the ball into the run of Benbow in the left channel area.

Benbow drove into the box before his low shot was saved by Brown at his near post.

The visitors grew stronger after the break and

Kalum's late goals send Lye to top of the table

AFC Wulfrunians 0 Lye Tn 2

TWO late Kalum Evitts goals helped Lye Town go top of the West Midlands Premier table.

Victory over challengers AFC Wulfrunians maintained a 100 per cent away league record and was Wulfs' first Premier loss since November.

Most of the first half was in the centre of the field but, on 28 minutes, Lye's Richard Anslow was one-on-one with Wulfs' keeper Danny Tipton who saved with his feet.

Lye lost keeper Danny Watson to injury, and he was replaced by Charles Price. Just on half-time Wulfs' James Skedgel shot just over the crossbar.

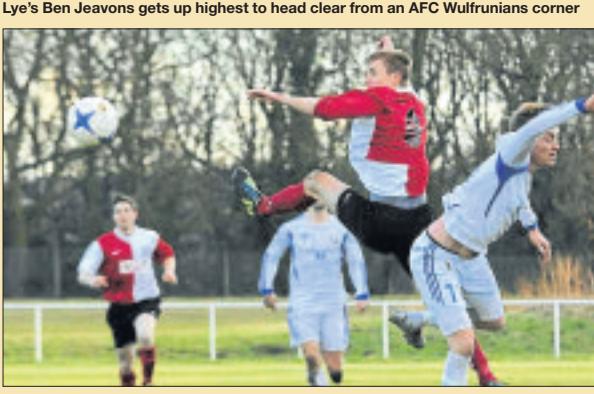
Wulfs sent on Tom Piggott for Thompson at the start of the second half and nearly scored but Nathan Rose-Laing was unable to keep the ball under control.

Lye substitute Chris Russell turned the game. A minute after Evitts had a goal disallowed the substitute's fine run set up the striker for a calm finish.

Lye added their second in impressive fashion.

AFC threw everything into a final attack in an attempt to snatch a draw.

Their corner was cleared and Evitts set off on a solo run that ended with him curling the ball over Tipton's head and into the back of the net, via a deflection off the bar.



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